

The Net closes in on Clinton

By Bronwen Maddox IN WASHINGTON

THE explosive report that could end Bill Clinton's presidency is set to be broadcast to the world on the Internet this afternoon, as pressure grows on him to resign or face impeachment.

The 445-page Starr report. which focuses entirely on the President's affair with Monica Lewinsky, is understood to allege that he is guilty perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering and abuse of power. It is said to include details of the sexual acts he performed with Ms Lewinsky and to conclude with a dozen grounds for impeachment,

The report could also provide grounds for the indictof some of the President's closest friends and confidants, including the power-broker Vernon Jordan and the White House deputy counsel Bruce Lindsey.

One of the strongest of the cases against the President is believed to be that he committed perjury in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, lying under oath in January and again when he gave evidence to Mr Starr last month.

Much of the rest of the list, according to reports, is made up of allegations that Mr stonewalling Mr Starr's inquiries. But "subornation of perjury" - the particularly devastating charge that he encouraged others, including Ms Lewinsky, to lie about the

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affair - appears not to be central to the case against the

Before Mr Clinton admitted the affair on August 17, many in Congress thought that he would remain unscathed unless Mr Starr could prove that he suborned witnesses. The present crisis - even in the absence of that proof — is a measure of how much his

support has collapsed. Congress's startling decision to publish the Starr report - thrashed out in round-theclock meetings since the documents were delivered to Capitol Hill in armoured cars on Wednesday night — adds the power of the global media to the relentless machinery of the American Constitution. It ensures that the American public as well as Congress will play a central part in deciding whether Mr Clinton is ousted from the White House or



verdict on the President in 36 boxes of "dynamite"

report.

hanes on to the shreds of power until the end of his term in 2000. Last night, the White House

was dismayed and demoralised, but Mr Clinton was said to be determined to remain in office. His spokesman. Mike McCurry, said that he had heard no discussion that the President had considered resigning and two opinion polls released yesterday showed that Mr Clinton continues to enjoy the support of just under 60 per cent of the

Mr Clinton's lawyers are furious that they have been rebuffed by Mr Starr and the House in their requests to see

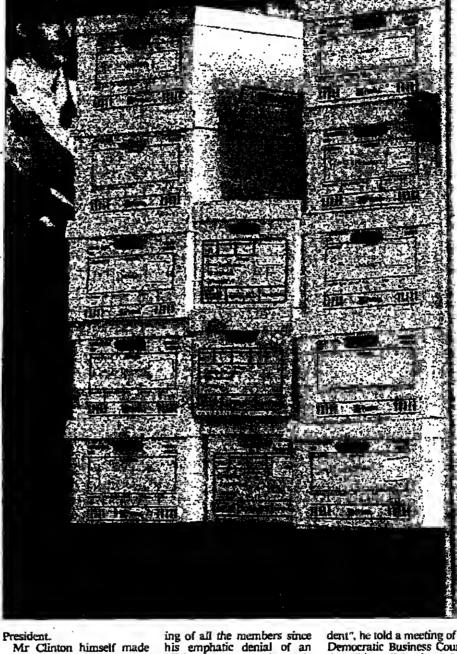


the report and issue a formal defence before publication. The White House is afraid that ordinary voters jamming the Internet tonight will be misfed by its status as a congressional document into reading it as an impartial

Mr Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, has described the report as a one-sided, biased assembly of uncorroborated stories, pointing out that it contains, hearsay and anecdotes, and that none of the witnesses — who include Ms Lewinsky and her former friend Linda Tripp, whose tapes of their conversations set the scandal rolling in January - have been cross-examined by the President's side.

Last night the White House was clinging to faint hopes last night that a legal challenge could delay publication until Monday. But with the chances of that looking slim, the Judi-ciary Committee of the House of Representatives was preparing to retire today to begin debating whether there are grounds to remove Mr Clinton

Yesterday the Speaker, Newt Gingrich, called for civility and decorum in the debate and told members to abstain from language personally abusive to the



President.

yet another public statement of regret yesterday, using a meeting of young scientists in the Roosevelt Room of the White House to ask for "understanding and forgiveness and commitment". He also called ten Senate Democrats to the Oval Office to plead for their support.

In a new, desperate strategy, he is seizing every opportunity to express regret and remorse for the affair with the 22-year-old former White House trainee. He may do so again today when he hosts a White House breakfast for the nation's religious leaders, and he faces a tense meeting with the Cabinet -- the first gathering of all the members since his emphatic denial of an affair in January - when he is expected to make a further heartfelt apology to those who stood in the rain to repeat his

denials, notably the Secretary of State. Madeleine Albright. "He's got a lot of amends to make, and he'll be making those amends to all and every-

one," Mr McCurry said. There were signs yesterday that his appeal to the loyalty of senior Democrats was having some success. Vice President Al Gore, who has been conspicuously absent and silent during the worsening crisis. made his most fortheright defence of the President yesterday. Referring to Mr Clinton as "my friend and our President", he told a meeting of the Democratic Business Council that "his policies have been manifestly good for the United States of America and those policies must be continued for

the good of America." At the same rime, Tom Daschle, leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate, called yesterday's White House meeting "constructive and helpful", and said: "The President's story needs to be heard and we need to get the facts. So as well as co-opera-

tion on the President's side, we need fairness from Congress. The senators asked Mr Clinton whether more damaging revelations might break. His answer was that, no, there

were no surprises.

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Minor offenders could be allowed to keep their jobs and serve their sentences at weekends, according to a study on ways to relieve pressure on iails. The report says that rises in the prison population are "unsustainable".......Page 13

Liferaft drowning

A sixthformer drowned unnoticed under a liferaft at a public school while pupils above him cootinued with a sea-survival exercise supervised by Royal Navy specialists. One exercise was on how to recover a body, an inquest

US could view confession tape

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

AMERICANS could one day see the videotape of President Clinton admitting to a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Congressmen will spend the next few days sifting 36 boxes of damning and highly embarrassing material relating to Kenneth Starr's excoriating report on the President's conduct.

The boxes, sent to Congress by the Special Prosecutor along with his report, contain potentially the most explosive and explicit record of a President's behaviour in the Oval Office. Although Congress is now entering legally uncharted territory, legal sources said last the tapes could emerge as

exhibits in televised hearings. Remarkable as the report is. the contents of the boxes may be more shocking if they are ever revealed. They contain 20 hours of tapes in which Miss Lewinsky described her relationship with Mr Clinton. nation of witnesses and the videotape of the President's interrogation, including his admission, for the first time, that he had sexual relations with Miss Lewinsky. The FBI laboratory report on her dress, which was alleged to have been stained with Mr Clinton's semen, is also contained.

The evidence has been supplied to support Mr Starr's report which he accuses the President of being a serial liar who committed perjury and obstructed justice as he tried to hide his affair with Miss Lewinsky. The 445-page report also describes incidents of

vitness tampering and abuse

of power which the prosecutor believes are grounds for impeachment of the President.

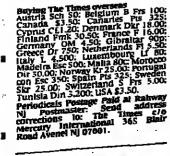
The report, the first by a special prosecutor in which impeachment of a President has been recommended, opens with a 25-page summary of the most damning evidence and the grounds for impeachment. The bulk consists of 280 pages of narraove evidence on Mr Clinton's repeated encounters with Ms Lewinsky in a small room behind the Oval Office.

Most damaging to Mr Clinton may be the 140-page conclusion. Last night congressmen were planning to review this material before deciding who among their colleagues, or the wider public, should be allowed to see it.

The report is understood to paint a picture of a pattern of lying by Mr Clinton. In particular, it alleges that he is guilty of lying under oath in the deposition he gave in the sexual harassment lawsuit brought against him by Paula Jones. It also says he perjured himself again in the grand jury testimony last month in which he said that his evidence in that case had been legally accurate but misleading.

He is accused of using government employees to help sustain his lies. His dealines with Miss Lewinsky and Betty Currie, his secretary, both witnesses in the case, are examined in damaging detail. The report dwells on how he approved a false press statement on the day the Lewinsky affair broke in January and allowed his aides to launch legal moves to block access to key witnesses.

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Yeltsin makes popular choice

Russia's political stalemate ended in a compromise when President Yeltsin chose Yevgeni Primakov, his former Foreign Minister, to be Russia's next Prime Minister. The appointment was widely welcomed and Mr Primakov's appointment is expected to be confirmed today Page 17

Branson joins balloon rival

Richard Branson teamed up with Steve Fossett, his former rival, to pursue their shared dream of becoming the first people to fly around the world in a balloon. They plan to take off from Morocco in Page 6 November

IRA arms plan

As David Trimble and Gerry Adams heralded a new era of co-operation, the Government planned extensive demili-tarisation in Northern Ireland to encourage the IRA disarmament that must start soon if the peace process is to soon if the peace process is to deputy chairman, David succeed. Constitution of the same of th

Arsenal join Manchester United in takeover race

THE battle for control of English football exploded into new life yesterday when Carlton Communications, the IIV company which makes The Bill and Peak Practice, revealed it is in talks that could lead to a takeover of Arsenal.

The team which best Manchester United to the Premiership title and won the FA Cup last season, would be worth less than half the £623 million BSkyB had agreed to pay for the Marchesier club only 24 hours before. City analysts were predict-ing that Cariton would have to

pay only about \$250 million for Arsenal while some were saying that BSkyB had secured a real bargain with the price paid for Manchester United.

Michael Green, Carhon's chairman, comes from an Arsenal-supporting family of the shares. Green may be happy with a stake in the club



Dein. However sentiment showed no place in business as it emerged that Carlton had already held talks with Arsenal's arch rivals Tottenham Hotspur but could not strike a deal.

Liverpool and Leeds United were also at the centre of bid rumours and Aston Villa confirmed that it is talking to "a communications firm". Arsenal is controlled by four directors who hold 70 per cent and a seat on the board, so gaining a seat at the negotiat-ing table as the Premiership works out how it will divide up its lucrative TV rights after the current deal with BSkyB runs out in 2001. Arsenal fans showed mixed

reactions to the Carlton move. Many were sad that the club might sell out but felt that a deal was inevitable. Lynette Dowden, a student from Hockley, near Southend, who was queuing outside the Arsenal's Highbury ground for a tour yesterday, said: "I suppose now Manchester United have done it, we have to as well. But it's all money these days, it's not the football that matters any more."

Another fan, Shelley Johnson, from Braintree in Essex, said: "I don't particularly like it but if Manchester United get all this money from Sky they might run away with everything. We've got to compete."

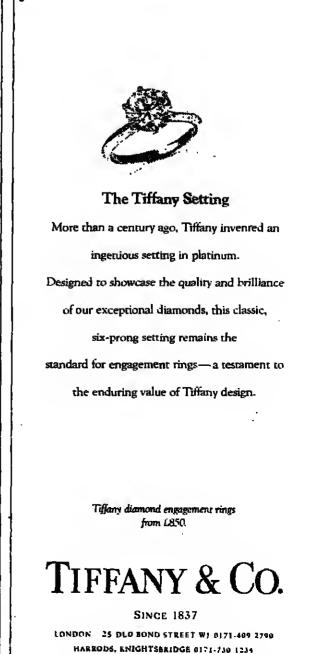
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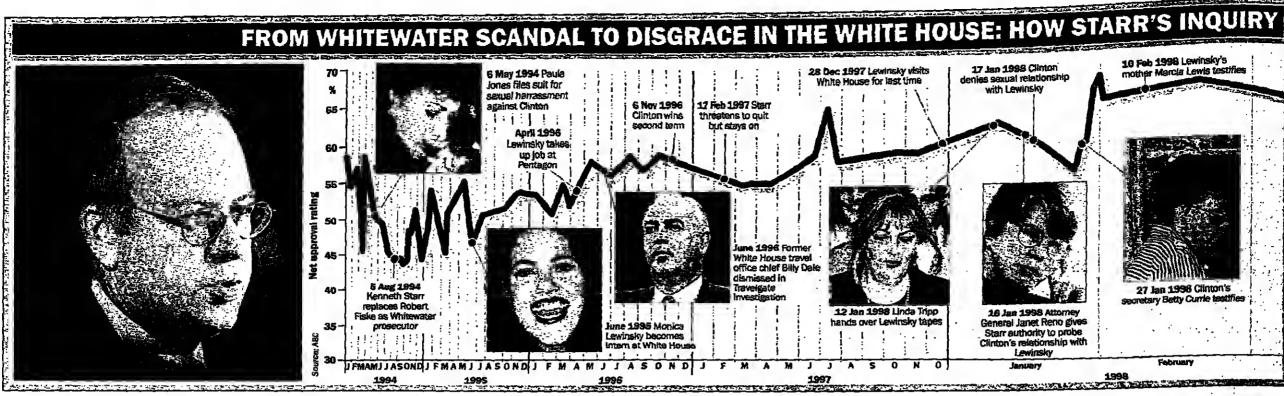
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That woman ... and fatal miscalculation when

White House. In November.

Mr Clinton defeated Bob Dole

to sweep back into the White

House as the first Democrat

since Roosevelt to win a sec-

ond term. The Republicans

still controlled Congress but

the economy was strong.
There had been convictions

from Mr Starr's investigation.

but the public seemed to be

bored with the whole affair. In

February 1997, Mr Starr said

he was stepping down to take a job at a law school. But he quickly changed his mind.

In January this year deposi-

tions in the Paula Jones case

began after the Supreme

Court rejected the White

House's claims that it should

be delayed until the President

left office. The nation was agog

at the prospect that the Presi-

dent would have to reveal

whether he had a distinguish-

One of those who completed

an affidavit for the Jones case saying she did not have sex

with the President was Ms

Lewinsky. Two days later.

ing mark on his penis.

President Clinton has been on the brink, staring into the political gloom many times before, but has always somehow defied the odds and leapt to safety. Now Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, has pushed him to the biggest drop of all. Soon we will know if there is an escape route for the Clinton presidency.

As he teeters there, he may be reflecting on how it is that he finds himself in this pretty pass. After all, so many times we have seen him land on his feet, give that famous smirk and walk away, his troubles apparently behind him.

It has been a long road to this point. In 1994, amid controversy over Mr Clinton and his wife Hillary's links to the shady dealings of an Arkansas financier. James McDougal, the President asked the Attorney-General, Janes Reno, to appoint a prosecutor to investigate. The Clintons had been partners with Mr MacDougal in a property venture: Whitewater

Development Corporation. The very name Whitewater captured the imagination in a nation where Watergate was a word synonymous with corruption. But the investigation soon lost all but the most dedicated students. Nevertheless, the crucial factor was that the independent prosecutor

Clinton's plight is the end of a long and tortuous ordeal. Damian Whitworth in Washington charts the bumpy episodes which have brought him to the edge

PRESIDENT ON THE PRECIPICE

potential catastrophe could begin. In August 1994 the prosecutor was replaced by Kenneth Starr, a high-flying Chicago lawyer and former Solicitor-General who was initially regarded favourably by the White House. Earlier that summer, how-ever, Mr Clinton had been

hustled to the edge of one of those precipices by another force. In May, Paula Jones, a former clerk, had filed a suit for sexual harassment claiming that, one afternoon when Mr Clinton was Governor of Arkansas, she had been taken to his room by a state trooper and Mr Clinton had made a sexual advance. The charge was dismissed as "tabloid trash" by the President's lawyer, and James Carville, his skilful adviser, had dismissed her claims with typical venom. "Drag a \$100 bill through a trailer park and there's no telling what you'll find," he

The following summer another woman came into the President's life. In June 1995 arrived in the White House as an unpaid trainee. Mr Starr, inching forwards with an investigation into complicated and age-old financial affairs, could not have dreamed that he would end up questioning her about the details of sex acts she had performed with the President in the Oval Office.

n 1996 the investigation was broadened to include Travelgate, the accusations that seven members of the White House travel office were dismissed by the Clintons on trumped-up charges so that they would be replaced with cronies of the couple. Mr Starr also began investigating Filegate in which Mrs Clinton's billing records from the Rose Law Firm in Arkansas, which had been sought by Mr Starr for two years, mysteriously reappeared on a White House table.

In April 1996, Ms Lewinsky took a new job at the Pentagon and made a new friend, Linda Tripp. Over the following from that the unravelling to Monica Lewinsky, then 20. 37 times making visits to the Jordan, Mr Clinton's bosom

buddy, she was offered a job at Revion in New York. Three days after that, Linda Tripp. who had been such a good listener, revealed why as she turned over 20 hours of surreptitiously taped conversations between the two.
Suddenly Mr Clinton's
world speeded up. On January

16, Janet Reno secretly gave Mr Start the authority to investigate the Lewinsky relationship. The next day Mr Clinton, who a few months earlier had been close to reaching an agreement with Paula Jones involving damages, gave a six-hour deposition which included a denial of sexual relations with Ms Lewinsky. His testimony was peppered with such phrases as

I don't recall". The same day, January 17. Matt Drudge, a gossip columnist on the Internet, told the world about Ms Lewinsky and a feeding frenzy began. It was more than a week before Mr Clinton said he did not have sexual relations with "that woman". And over the next few weeks, as Ms Lewinsky's mother. Marcia Lewis, testified before the grand jury for six hours and Betty Currie, the President's secretary, was among his staff hauled in to explain Ms Lewinsky's frequent visits to the Oval Office. he held firm.

mer White House volmer wind in a uniter, claimed on television in March she was groped by Mr Clinton, but then the Paula Jones case was dismissed by a federal judge.

But in July came a thunderbolt for Mr Clinton. Mr Starr issued a subpoena to make him testify. Then on July 28 Ms Lewinsky was offered broad immunity from prosecution in return for her full story in front of the Grand Jury. The next day Mr Climon agreed to testify voluntarily.

Last month, II days apart, the two former intimates told the grand jury what had happened in the Oval Office. Ms Lewinsky said nothing publicly. Mr Clinton went on television the same day to admit that he had had a relationship with Ms Lewinsky that was "not appropriate" and "wrong".

But the most brilliant politician of his generation made a possibly fatal miscalculation. He did nut use the "S" word sorry. He attacked Mr Starr. Republicans condemned him. and over the next few days so

He has offered profuse apologies over recent days. But the question is whether he has done enough to win the sup-port of fellow Democrats if impeachment proceedings begin. Or whether there are now too many former friends in that chasing pack ready to give him that final push.

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A disgraced Richard Nixon bids farewell to the White House after resigning in 1974

America relives the dark

Washington: It is only 24 years since the foundations of the United States were last shaken by the threat of impeachment against a

President (lan Brodie writes). Richard Nixon chose to resign in disgrace rather than face an impeachment trial in the Senate for his role in the White House cover-

up of a break-in at Democratic party head-quarters in the Watergate office complex. Once again the republic is approaching the same critical point, with the possible impeachment of President Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky case. Writing the Constitution, the Founding Fathers decreed that a President and

SHADES OF NIXON

other high officials could be impeached for "treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanours", followed by a trial in the Senate which, upon conviction by a two-thirds majority. would lead to removal from office.

Watergate was a much bigger criminal plot than the Lewinsky affair. Its goal was to bend the electoral process to Nixon's ends and to undermine his enemies. But there are

Nixon, like Mr Clinton, blamed his troubles

Firm hand steadies financial tiller

FROM IAN BROOTE IN WASHINGTON

AS SCANDAL swirls around the White House distracting the staff, the US Treasury huilding next door on Pennsylvania Avenue is an oasis of businesslike calm.

This is due in large part to its solid leadership under Robert Rubin, 60, President Clinton's Treasury Secretary, and a figure of probity who continues to command respect from all sides in Washington for his stewardship of the Administration's financial policy and in keeping watch over economic turmoil in Russia. Asia and elsewhere. It is a quality that could be nf growing significance in the coming months if Mr Clinton's effectiveness continues to decline.

Educated at Harvard, Yale

and the London School of

Economics. Mr Rubin is one

and economic policy.
It is to Mr Rubin's credit, in needing good relations with the Republicans controlling Congress, that he was never regarded as an FOB - Friend of Bill - who socialised with the Clintons. Indeed, he was thought to have seemed out of place when Mr Clinton, newly

in office in 1993, invited his

closest advisers to Camp

David for a weekend of "bond-

ing". Despite speculation

about his future, Mr Rubin

US TREASURY

of those Democrats who oughs

by rights to be a Republican. He was formerly a power on

Wall Street, where he was co-

chairman of Goldman Sachs

and on the board of directors

of the New York Stock Ex-

change. Yel he and his wife

Judith have long been firmly

rooted in Democratic issues

Rubin: strongly rooted in Democratic policy

insists he is not leaving the Treasury and has no wish to go back to Wall Street even

when he does, Throughout the Lewinsky crisis. Mr Ruhin has briefed Mr Clinton two or three times a week on Russia, Asia and the

beleaguered lending policies

of the International Monetary Fund. Rubin aides insist that Mr Clinton's famous ability to compartmentalise problems has meant that he has been fully focused on the foreign

financial rollercoasters. Still. Mr Rubin faces a fight vith Congress in getting th \$18 billion (£11 billion) that the Administration seeks for it funding of the IMF, of which the US is the biggest

shareholder. Mr Clinton owes Mr Rubin a lot in terms of maintaining financial stability. The two men met when Mr Clinton. was still Governor of Arkan sas. The Clinton vision of policies struck a chord with Mr Rubin, who set to work among his Wall Street friends to raise money for the Clinton campaign. His reward in the first term was to oversee the White House National Eco-

nomic Council.

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of the generation's most brilliant leader

Bill Clinton leaves Washington earlier this week for fundraising rallies in Florida

days of Watergate lies

on outside "savage destroyers and haters" out to get him. Hillary Clinton has complained of a "vast right-wing conspiracy" against her husband. Yet in both cases, the meo were to

blame for initiating their destruction.

Unlike Mr Clinton, Nixon was genuinely paranoid. By the time he became President, he had cast aside most of his most trusted aides and surrounded himself instead with hard men who became known as the "Berlin Wall".

Nixon was politically popular and there was no need for the Watergate break-in or any of the other dirty tricks. In a series of trials, all the

went off to prison, Nixon was left alone to face three articles of impeachment passed by the House Judiciary Committee in televised hear-

Nixon did not wait for the full House to vote in his impeachment and made his resignation speech. The day after, Nixon spoke in a rambling way about his sainted mother and his problems. He never mentioned his loyal wife Pat, standing distraught beside him.

It had been a frightening time for

last chance saloon

BY BRONWEN MADOOX

PRESIDENT CLINTON is determined not to resign as the White House braces itself for America's reaction to the Starr report, his aides said vesterday

But Mr Clinton is stunned by the growing clamour for his resignation or impeachment, and shocked by the worsening of his predicament in a matter of days. Last week, in Moscow and

Ireland, he and his dwindling team of advisers thought he could escape without even a formal censure by Congress. But the "presidential" aura which he hoped had clung to him after the summits evapo-Yesterday the options for the Comeback Kid to save himself were shrinking.

Mr Clinton was not exaggerating on Wednesday when he called these "the toughest days of my life". Last night, in a demoralised White House.

STRATEGY his aides and lawyers were

trying to map out a strategy for the comeback of his life. But there were signs that the "grovel strategy" - frequent, public statements of contrition, as urged by a phalanx of senior Democrats on Wednes-

day - was too little, too late. His apologies look like desperate bids to save his skin. bowever emotional their content, several members of the Congress said.

This morning Mr Clinton is expected to make yet another apology as he hosts a long-planned breakfast for the nation's religious leaders. Later, he will attend a memorial service for the victims of the East African bombings of US

In a sign of how much events have accelerated beyoud the White House, three weeks ago aides saw the prayer breakfast as a chance for a second presidential apology. Now, there is almost an apology a day. But that still

appears not enough. So confident was Mr Clinton on his return from Ireland last weekend that he dismissed suggestions of trying to strike a "plea bargain" with Congress — accepting formal rebuke or censure in return for repeated expressions of regret. Now, mere censure looks like

Comeback Kid plots Congress studies moves in last chance 'dynamite boxes'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

WHEN Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, de-posited the 36 boxes of dynamite" on the steps of the Capitol, he legally transferred authority for the investigation to Congress.

Members of Congress met throughout the early hours of this morning to find a way of handling the 445-page report which will bridge the provi-sions of the US Constitution with the demands of the age of

the Internet and television. Newt Gingrich, House Speaker, last night called on members to "abstain from language which is personally abusive to the President", including references to illegal conduct or to particular sexual acts that Mr Clinton may have committed with Monica

Lewinsky

Mr Gingrich's appeal for "decorum in the debate" was drawn from the Founding Fathers' original rule book for Congress. But he had in mind also that congressional debates, normally watched only by pensioners, insomniacs and political enthusiasts, are now expected to get startlingly high ratings. Yet the subject is legally sensitive and potential-

more sexually explicit than

In a rarely seen spectacle.

is normal in family viewing.

IMPEACHMENT

members of the House of Representatives yesterday discovered that they could operate at "super-fast-track" speed, as one put it.

Within hours, they drafted a motion to allow the report to be published and to enable the Judiciary Committee to begin the formal debate on whether there are grounds to impeach President Clinton.

The first decisions on handling the report fell to the House Rules Committee, which had the tortuous task of deciding how to make available the contents of Mr Starr's document. There is a strong feeling on the Hill that, in a matter which could lead to the impeachment of the President. all of the report should be made available to all the members of Cor

the public. Gerald Solomon, chairman Mr Clinton from office.

of the Rules Committee, was set to meet his committee yesterday afternoon to draw up a resolution authorising publication of the report. The resolution, which will be brought to the House floor for a vote this morning, was set to allow all of the report to be released, probably this

afternoon. The resolution would transfer official custody of Mr Starr's material to the Judiciary Committee. The committee, made up of 21 Republicans and 15 Democrats, will recommend to the House whether it thinks there are grounds for the President's impeachment If a majority of the House agrees in a formal vote, the Senate will then consider the same question.

It would take the votes of 67 of the 100 senators to remove



The Judiciary Committee's homepage on website

Allies and enemies line up to assist or condemn

BY LAN BRODIE

IF THE President resigns or is forced out of office, the Constitution requires that he be succeeded by his Vice-President who, in turn, picks his own Vice-President, who must then be approved by a

vote of Congress. Around Washington, Al Gore is regarded as a capable. if stolid, figure to take over at the White House. Unfortunately for him, he has been caught up in the Clinton campaign fundraising scan-dal and could suffer the indignity of being investigated by an independent

Mr Gore claims to be a native of Tennessee, but much of his life has been spent in Washington. He entered the Senate himself after college, a stint in Vietnam and a spell on a Tennessee newspaper.

KEY PLAYERS

☐ Kenoeth Starr is the independent prosecutor who has never actually been a prosecutor but who has pursued Mr Clinton with zeal. He had a strictly religious upbringing in Texas, became a lawyer, was Solicitor-General in the Bush Administration and mentioned for the US Su-

preme Court.

David Kendall is the President's private lawyer. Like Mr Clinton, he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford and a chum of his at Yale Law School A Quaker brought up in the Midwest, he always seems to be angry with the media during his rare public

procouncements. Henry Hyde, with his shock of white hair, is likely to become a familiar figure as chairman of the House Judi-

ciary Committee, if it follows the Watergate precedeot of holding televised hearings into the Lewinsky affair. A senior Republican from Chicago, he is respected on both

sides of the aisle. □ Newt Gingrich is the Republican House Speaker and ultimate referee if there are any procedural rows while the House considers impeachment. He was leader of the Republican revolution that won control of the House four years ago and was mentioned as presidential material, but be botched his chances with

assorted mis-steps.

Richard Gephardt is the leader of the Flouse Democratic minority. A liberal from the unionised precincts of St Louis, he is viewed with deep distrust by the Clinton crowd. They suspect presidential ambitions to undercut Al Gore's chances in 2000.

THEY SAID

"His answer was that 'No, there were no

Tom Daschle, leader of the Senate Democrats, on Mr Clinton's reply when asked if there were any new and damaging revelations yet to surface

"I think he is telling the American people that he has made a very, very bad mistake, that he assumes responsibility for it, that he wants to take steps to move

Janet Reno, Attorney-General

"The report contains substantial and credible information that may constitute grounds for impeachment of the

Spokesman for independent prosecutor. Kenneth Starr

"There is no basis for impeachment" David Kendall President Clinton's

"No one looks forward to this traumatic journey that we're about to enter on. Any Impeachment cannot succeed unless it is done in a bipartisan or non-partisan way ... We can only produce the facts in an orderly fashion and give the members an opportunity to vote. This is an exercise in Individual conscience, and we ask for God's help and hiessing Henry Hyde. Republican chairman of the House Judiciary

'There's a great desire for fairness" Richard Gephardt, House Democration

We seem to be living history over again. Time seems to be turning backward in its flight and many of the mistakes that President Nixon made are being made all over again' Senator Robert Byrd,

the former Democrat leader in the Senate

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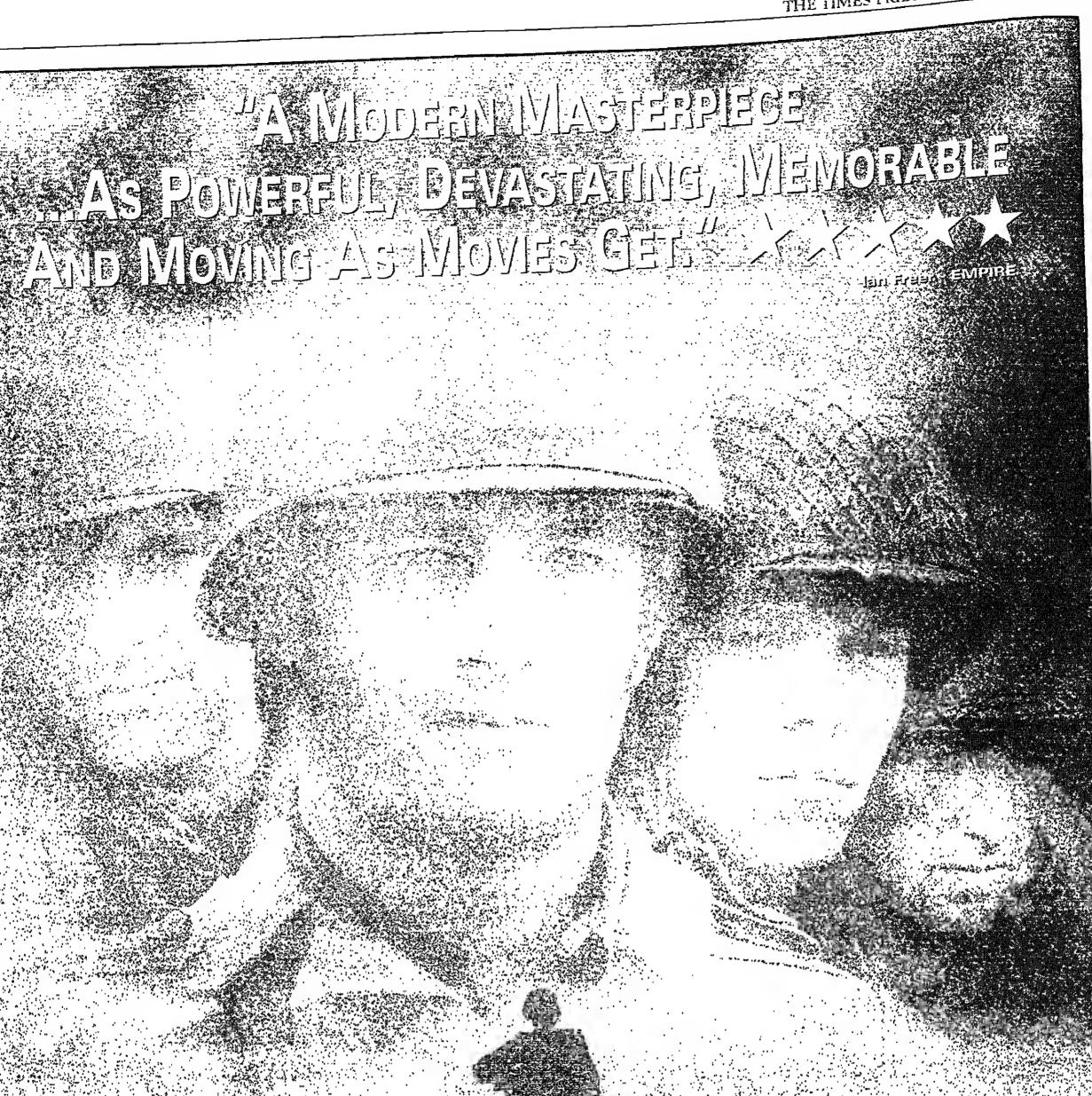
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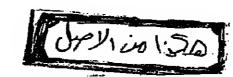
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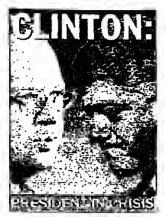
Hillary Clinton does not plan to forgive publicly her husband's worst infidelity, writes Bronwen Maddox

First Lady seeks life after White House

THROUGH her husband's moment of crisis, Hillary Clin-ton is socking doggedly to business as usual, with an exhausting programme involving worthy causes, which may prove not just a welcome distraction but a shrewd foundation for a political career of her own after the President leaves the White House.

But the First Lady, who has pointedly been absent from the President's side during all his apologies for his affair with Monica Lewinsky, has no plans to tell the naoon that she has forgiven him, aides say.

Her only public comment on the trauma of her husband's confession was a terse "I'm doing fine", delivered at a brisk walk during last week's trip to Russia and Ireland. She has made clear through friends that she "believes in her marriage", but also that, out of her husband's long



Mrs Clinton's public demonstrations of support were crucial in helping her husband to retain the backing of ordinary Americans when he admitted an affair with the Arkansas singer, Gennifer Flowers, and in January. when he denied an affair with

Mrs Clinton will appear at an Irish-American function at the White House together with her husband, and will introduce him. Officials expect the reception to be a relaxed event. as upbeat as conceivable in the circumstances, as many of the guests are old friends, and as follows on the heels of the

President's rapturous wel-

come in Ireland.

Last night, she was due to introduce her husband at a Democratic fund-raising event. Aides were not expecting that she would use the occasion to make an explicit appeal for support for the President. Otherwise Mrs Clinton is occupying herself with her own schedule of favourite causes. Yesterday, in the White House East Room. she hosted a function to raise awareness of colon cancer,

between the public and private sectors in treating it. Katie Couric, the NBC net-

work's star interviewer, who recently lost her husband to the disease, was among the guests, as was Ellen Levine. editor-in-chief of Good Housekeeping.

tion that Mrs Clinton will seek a political career of her own after her husband leaves the White House - whether in 2000 at the end of his term, or earlier through abrupt resignation or impeachment. Her pet projects - with the

emphasis on women's issues, health and education - the only political activity for an unelected First Lady which Americans could comfortably contemplate, could yet provide her with a springboard into politics as her husband leaves



Hillary Clinton stood by the President after the Gennifer Flowers affair, but is now keeping herself busy and has pointedly been absent from his side during all his apologies for his affair with Monica Lewinsky

How many of his men will stand by the President?

THOSE who stood by Richard Nixon, and conspired with him, became known as all the President's men. Who will stay with Bill Clinton in

Some old-timers have already jumped ship or signalled their intention of doing so. George Stephanopoulos, so close to the President that he sometimes held his coat. did not sign up for a second term as political counsellor and adviser. Instead he opted for more lucrative fields as a television commentator and lecturer at Columbia University. Judging from some of his harsh public advice to Mr

Mike McCurry, the presideutial press secretary, is also departing for greener pastures after four years of jocu-

lar banter with White House reporters who still admire his capacity for keeping his patience and dignity intact. They wonder how much he knew of Monica Lewinsky affair

my friends think I'm absolutely out of my mind 9 when he was stonewalliog

about it. Certainly he had his suspicions, as he let slip one day early on when he admitted that, if there were a simple explanation for the Clinton-Lewinsky relationship, he would already have given it.
It is not unusual for admin-

istration officials to slip away in the closing years of a second term. By keeping to this tradition, Mr McCurry can expect to cash in on his high profile among the many Washington firms of lobbyists looking for people with clout. He will be replaced in the hot seat by his deputy, Joe Lock-hart, who has admitted: Most of my friends think I'm absolutely out of my mind."

Perhaps the most loyal of the Clinton loyalists is Bruce Lindsey, an astute, low-profile lawyer who has been with the President since the early days

OLD ALLIES DEPART

in Arkansas, Known as the ultimate fixer, he has denied allegations that he was sent out to persuade women not to speak of their sexual relations with Mr Clinton.

Mr Lindsey came to the attention of Kenneth Starr during the Whitewater phase of his investigation. Mr Lindsey denied any illegality, but there is speculation in Washington that he could fall foul of Mr Starr again in the

Lewinsky case Paul Begala wili probably phrase used by the President, until the last dog dies". Officially a White House counsellor, Mr Begala was on hand to adjust the President's

last

lapel microphone as he prepared to 6 Most of make his inadequate mea culpa speech month.

insisted Begala for seven months the truth when he denied sexual relations with Ms Lewinsky. Now, for all the egg on his face, Mr Begala is

staying on. So is Rahm Emanuel, senior adviser to the President and another who publicly denied that there was any linguistic evasiveness in Mr Clinton denying he had "sexual relations" with Ms Lewinsky, only to discover that it excluded oral sex in Mr

Clinton's view. One official who has exessed an interest in leaving is Erskine Bowles, the courtly Southern banker who White House Chief of Staff. For now, though, he is apparently staying, though one cannot imagine him wanting to emulate Alexander Haig. the final Chief of Staff during Watergate who assumed many reins of power as Nixon



Stephanopoulos: glad to be out of the fray



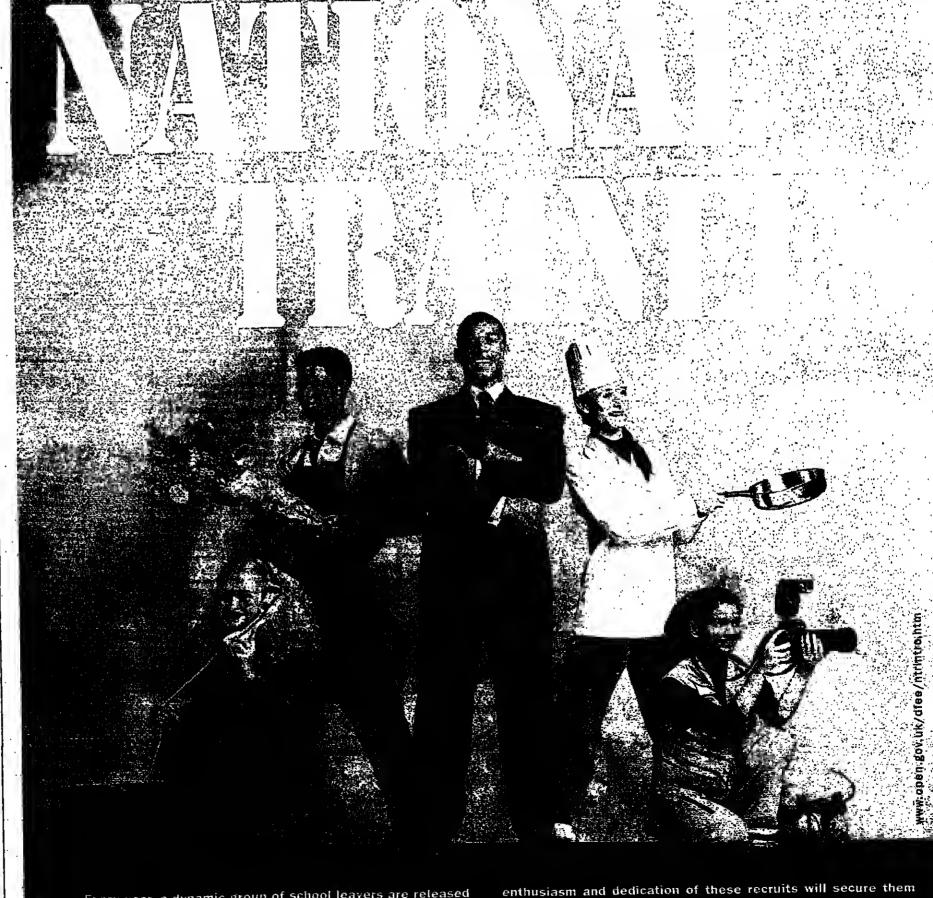
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Ministers scrap EU scheme giving free beef to the poor

By James Landale POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SCHEME that gave the poor and homeless free supplies of meat from the European Union beef mountain has been axed by the Government.

Thousands of the most needy have eaten the cans of rich steak stew since the EU Food Surplus Scheme was set up in 1987. But after complaints from some charicratic and costly to operate, the Government has decided to end the handout from next year.

The Tories protested that the poor would lose out and suggested that the scheme was being abolished because of the budget cuts that the Treasury has demanded at the Ministry of Agriculture.

The scheme, dubbed the Food for the Needy scheme, was designed as a way of helping the poor while

ties that the scheme was bureau-cratic and costly to operate, the This is created when Brussels intervenes in the market and buys beef to keep prices high.

Each member state is allowed a certain amount of beef to give to those people who otherwise could not afford the meat. This prevents the beef market being distorted.

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allowance, or living in a welfare is then distributed by charities and hostel is eligible to have between 12 local community groups.

and 24 free cans a year. Although the take-up differs each year depending on how much beef is available, an average of 60,000 people benefit from the free food, which is worth some £10 million each year. This year ten million cans are expected to be distributed (about 3,000 tonnes of beef).

The Government pays for the beef to be processed and canned. It

Jeff Rooker, the Junior Agriculture Minister, announced the end of the scheme in a little-noticed part of July's Comprehensive Spending Review. "We have been disappointed in the uptake of this scheme and we know that charitable organisations distributing beef have found the rules overly bureaucrat-

Tim Yeo, the Shadow Minister

for Agriculture, said he was ap-palled to hear that Britain would be the first member state to scrap the scheme. He suspected that it had been scrapped as a result of cost-cutting demanded by the Treasury and wrote yesterday to Nick Brown, the Agriculture Minister.

demanding its reinstatement. Robin Brooks, sales and market-ing director for HL Foods, which processes and cans about a fifth of all the beef in the scheme, said: "I

am absolutely amazed. They say it is being scrapped because there is no demand but that is rubbish. Without the scheme some [process-

ing firms might close."
But the Salvation Army, one of the biggest charities to distribute the beef, said it did not object. A spokesman said the scheme had been expensive and inefficient to run because charities had to pay for its adminstration, transport and storage costs.

Pro-hunting alliance spreads its rural roots

By Michael Hornsby

THE Countryside Alliance which brought 250,000 people on to the streets of London last March to defend hunting, relaunched itself yesterday with a new mission to champion the rural way of life.

The defence of country sports will still be a central concern of the alliance, but equal emphasis will be given to building links with other countryside groups and to winning support and sympa-

thy among urban voters.

Feter Voute, the alliance's executive director, said that a roadshow would visit 20 venues this month, starting this Sunday at the Hampshire Country Sports Day at

A new eight-point manifesto was adopted unanimously at a meeting this week of delegates from its 14 regional branches. Among its aims are to "pre-serve the freedoms of country people and their way of life." to "lead campaigns for country sports, their related trades and activities, and the countryside," and to "co-operate closely with other organ-isations to promote and protect the rural way of life".

The relaunch comes after several months of turmoil which culminated at the end of July in the departure of the alliance's recently appointed chief executive, Edward Duke.

Army patrols in Belfast to end

Government starts demilitarisation

to encourage the IRA to hand in its

arms, reports Martin Fletcher

THE Government is planning swift and extensive demilitarisation in Northern Ireland to encourage the tRA disarmament that must start soon if the peace process is to succeed.

As David Trimble and Gerry Adams yesterday heralded new era of co-operation with the first face-to-face meeting between Unionist and republi-can leaders since 1922, the Royal Ulster Constabulary announced that all army patrols in Belfast are to cease from this weekend.

With the security threat now greatly reduced, sources said other steps included base closures across the Province and the deployment of troops away from those nationalist areas where they are no longer necessary. The actual with-drawal of several hundred of the nearly 18,000 troops in Northern treland is also understood to be imminent, and Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC's Chief Constable, signalled that more may follow.

Unionists will not accept Sinn Fein in the Province's new government this autumn without some prior decommissioning. "There's much to-ing and fro-ing going on at very high level to see what might be offered to get the IRA moving towards some sort of gesture." one official said. "Nobody in

Dublin, Washington or London accepts Sinn Fein equating IRA-held weapons with British Army-held weapons," said another. "At the same time a reduction in tensions makes it easier for all sides to reduce the amount of armaments they claim are necessary for self-defence." Mr Trimble's historic meet-

ing with Mr Adams at Stormont was unthinkable until very recently, and heraided the end of the long Cold War between Unionism and republicanism. Mr Trimble still declined to shake the Sinn Fein president's hand, but called the encounter "civilised and workmanlike" and said he was "encouraged to hope that things will happen". Mr Adams called the meeting "businesslike, positive and cordial. He praised Northern Ireland's new First Minister as "a man t can do business with" and "the only person in the Ulster Unionist Party who could have brought that party

as far as he's brought it". Mr Adams said he raised the issue of disarmament himself during the 45-minute meeting. He had emphasised Sinn Fein's "genuine and posi-tive and serious commitment" to implementing the Good Friday peace accord in its entirety, and understood Mr



Gerry Adams. Sinn Fein president, and Richard McAuley, his party colleague, leaving Stormont yesterday

Trimble's difficulties with hardline Unionists, but insist-ed he "could not deliver IRA decommissioning" unless the causes of conflict were removed. He told Mr Trimble we had to find ways for me to

"chicken and egg problem we have to solve".

He said he was satisfied that Mr Adams recognised the need for progress on disarmament, emphasised that nobody was being asked to help him and for him to help "surrender or in any way feel me". Mr Trimble spoke of a humiliated", and hinted that

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he had a solution in mind when he said a press conference was not the best place to

discuss such a thing. Both men's accounts of the meeting were remarkable for the absence of the emnity that had previously characterised their relations. Mr Adams decribed Mr Trimble as "a man I can do husiness with, a man I have to do business with and a man I will do business with because this is much more important than the personalities involved ... This is about our children and

Ex-spy wins new chance

NEWS IN BRIEF

of legal aid Lawyers for the former MI5 spy David Shayler yesterday won teave to challenge a refusal of legal aid for his battle to avoid being extradit-

ed from France. Mr Shayler, 32, was arrested in Paris last month at Britain's request after be claimed to have evidence of malpractice within MI5. He faces charges under the Official Secrets Act.
The deputy chief clerk at
Bow Street Magistrates'
Court refused an application
for legal aid in a hearing last
month but in the High Court Mr Shayler's counsel, Leon Daniel, argued that the clerk made a "misdirection in law".

GP practice plea

Hospital-hased training methods for GPs, implement-ed in the 1970s, are putting off potential recruits, according to a study today in the British Medical Journal. With about 1,000 posts empty, the study says trainees would feel less daunted if they spent at least three years in a practice.

Heads' pay call

Head teachers demanded a 17 per cent pay rise yesterday, saying that current salary levels were responsible for a shortage of headship candidates, especially in primary schools. The Department for Education and Employment promised action to stimulate

M & S peer dies

Lord Marks of Broughton, grandson of the founder of Marks & Spencer, has died aged 78, the family's solicitor said. The peer, thought to have owned a £30 million stake in the store chain, leaves a widow, Marina, and three children by his first wife. He bad been married five times.

Skydiver's baby

Penny Roberts, the paralysed skydiver, has given birth to a 6lb boy. Airedale General Hospital in West Yorkshire said the mother and Peter, born three weeks prematurely. were "fine". A week ago Bradford Council dropped its threat to take the child away from Miss Roberts, 35.

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Branson teams up with balloon rival

By Claudia Joseph

RICHARD Branson up yesterday with Steve Fossett, his former rival, to pursue their shared dream of becoming the first people to fly around the world in a balloon.

The businessman, whose last attempt was scuppered when his balloon took off without him, invited the American adventurer to join him after his vessel ruptured last month during a thunderstorm. They are planning to fly to Morocco in November.

Swedish balloon manufacturer and Branson's co-pilot, for their fourth attempt.

Mr Branson, 48, said: "Until this summer our main rival and, I don't mind saying, a major thorn in our side, was Steve Fossett. This friendly rivalry has not only been during our global attempts but over the last decade and

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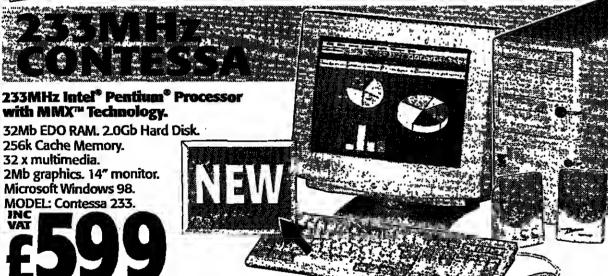




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Viagra will cost the NHS £50m a year

Impotence drug available next week at £4.84 a pill, writes Ian Murray

VIAGRA is to be sold to the NHS at £4.84 a tablet when it is licensed next week. Pfizer. the manufacturer, said yester-day that this would make it one of the cheapest treatments for impotence and that the total bill to the NHS was unlikely to be more than about £50 million a year.

At the same time doctors' leaders said they were alarmed and angry that the Department of Health has yet to produce guidelines for pre-scribing the drug. Many fear Viagra could make a serious dent in their budgets if the Government keeps its promise to make it available on the NHS for patients with a clinical need.

We have a Government that goes on at great length about the need for horizon scanning, and yet Viagra has been on the horizon now for two years," said Derek Machin, one of the 400 specialist

preparing to cope with a huge demand for the drug if, as expected, the European Commission licenses it for sale throughout the EU

Tuesday.

They have known it was coming for a long time, yet here we are within a few days of it being available and we have heard nothing. We have heard rumours that they are thinking of banning its use or only making it available after a patient has seen a specialist, but that would be dreadful. "We cannot have the mess-

age to go out to men that they are not deserving of treatment by the health service. Impotence is a subject that causes embarrassment but the Viagra discussion has made it acceptable. We can't have a situation where men summon up the courage at last to come and seek treatment and we tell them to go away because there

is no money for it."

Mr Machin gave warning

at the British Medical Association annual meeting in July that if the estimated 2.5 million impotent men in Britain were all prescribed Viagra it could cost the NHS up to £1 hillion a year. "In fact only one in ten of these men are likely to present," he said, "and probably no more than 60 per cent of them would benefit from Vinger I think that about \$100

Viagra. I think that about £100 million a year is therefore a realistic estimate of the cost. "However, if the word goes out that the drug really works then many more men might come forward. The patients I have prescribed it for so far have all been delighted. I haven't had a failure yet and I think we are going to see an awful lot of people, including those who have tried other

to get on with. We just cannot know at this stage what the demand will be we urgently need the

Government to give us national guidelines. We cannot as a profession be expected to take the responsibility for rationing a drug that we know works so well."

Pfizer said it was announcing the price of the drug "to shatter the prevalent myth that it would cost £1 hillion. Only about I per cent of those who were impotent were likely to seek treatment and Viagra would work in at best seven out of ten cases. Andy Burroughs, a spokesman said.

Patients with heart conditions would not be able to take the drug and since many of those who were impotent were elderly and taking medication to control heart conditions. Viagra would not be suitable treatments like injections which they have not been able

for them.
"In addition some of the men might prefer to use We do not expect that those who do take Viagra will want

Supporters march for accused GP

SCORES of people marched yesterday in support of a family doctor accused of murdering a patient dying from cancer. The demonstrators gathered outside Newcastle Magistrates Court to give encouragement to David Moor, who retired earlier this year from his practice in one of the city's poorer inner-city

Dr Moor, 51, who was making his first court appearance on the charge of murdering George Liddell, 85, in July last year, arrived by taxi to cheers from 200 placard-waving supporters. Several former patients stepped forward to shake

During the three-minute hearing in which the magistrates committed the case for trial to Newcastle Crown Court. the doctor spoke only to confirm his name and address. He was granted conditional bail and was told to liaise with the probation service and co-operate in the preparation of medical reports.

As he left court, he again shook hands with several former patients, but left without comment. His wife Sylvia said: The reception he received at the court was very nice."

The demonstrators had started gathering in the city centre several hours before his court appearance. Many carried placards and wore T-shirts bearing the words "I am a friend of Dr Moor". A sixpiece jazz band also played.



David Moor, who is accused of murdering a patient, arriving at court

after 3.500 patients from his Wingrove Road surgery in Fenham. Newcastle. The demonstration was organised by Fiona McAndrew, 31, a former patient who set up the Friends of Dr Moor campaign. Three years ago. Dr Moor controversially referred her for breast implant surgery on the National Health

Service at a cost of £2,300. She said: "We want Dr Moor to know that everyone is behind him all the way.

Until his retirement Dr Moor looked We want the charges dropped and will ter 3.500 patients from his Wingrove continue the fight to clear his name. He has always been there for his patients in the past and we want to return that support and show him how much we

> We didn't want any sad faces at the march because we wanted Dr Moor to be uplifted by what he saw. tt.was an upbeat' aimosphere but at the same time we have to balance that with the fact this is a very

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Pupil drowned unnoticed in survival class

By Helen Johnstone

A SIXTHFORMER drowned unnoticed under a liferaft at a public school while pupils above him continued with a sea-survival exercise super-vised by Royal Navy specialists.

One exercise was on how to recover a body, an inquest was told yesterday. Nicholas Stafford, 18, lay trapped for up to 15 minutes, and no one noticed anything was wrong until his foot was seen protruding from under the raft in the swimming pool at Charterhouse

It is believed that he had become trapped while righting the 25-man liferaft after it had overturned. In a statement issued before the inquest, the student's parents. Colin and Evelyn Stafford, and sisters Rosemary and Elizabeth, from Epsom. Surrey, criticised safety standards at the school in

Stafford: family

Godalming. Surrey, which charges fees of more than £13,000 a year. They said they wanted to ensure that survival drills and similar adventure exercises were made safer.

was under it. I got a breath of

air from an air pocket and

Nick got out the other way." Chief Petty Officer Kieran

Eagles, of the RN Survival

Equipment Group, said that a

person could have got under

the raft after the post-righting

The athletic sixth-former

was expecting top A-level

grades in geography, biology and chemistry, had been promised a place at Bristol University. His father said

that he was a very strong

swimmer and was acknowl-

edged as one of the fittest boys

in the school. The inquest

check had been made.

The inquest at Guildford was told that the exercise on January 26 was under the supervision of a drill instruc-tor, Petty Officer Russell Witcher, and Leading Airman Kevin Cousins, attached to Sultan. Nikos Georgiakakis, a schoolmaster and Officer in Command of

the school's Navy Cadets, was overseeing the exercise which he said encouraged team work and leadership. The cadets aged 14 to 18 were wearing trunks and rugby shirts under a survival suits and lifejackets. They had to jump into the pool and swim two lengths before Nicholas and another cadet were selected to right the raft. Airman Cousins said that

when Petty Officer Witcher asked him whether the water was "clear" once the raft had been righted, he called the all clear but had not gone underwater to check. The body lay undiscovered while the group carried on with further exercises, including how to recover a body from the water. Up to minutes later, Airman Cousins spotted the pupil faceup under the raft with his head wedged against the canvas. He was taken to the Royal Surrey County Hospital but died four days later without regaining consciousness.

A 15-year-old, who had



A self-portrait bedspread by Gillian Banks won first prize at a quilting conference



Inspiration came to Mrs Banks in her bathroom

Bathtime view has quilters in stitches

among the ladies who stitch and snip in the annual competition of the Quilter's Guild of the British Isles (Paul Wilkinson writes). Displayed among the 33 intricately patterned bedspreads was a self-portrait of a 50-year-old mother of three, naked in the

But along with the eye-brows, Gillian Banks, from Durham, lifted the coveted Sue Ridgewell Bowl, awarded for the most popular plece of work at the conference. Pat Nichols, president of the guild, said: "It shows we are not all sitting in our rocking

patterns by the fireside. sense of humour and 99 per cent of people at the meeting were in fits of laughter over this one." Suzy Barton, of The Quilter magazine, said: "I think it struck a chord because a lot of us are rather

Mrs Banks, who teaches quilting professionally, said: The theme at the meeting was Aspects of Water and it was being held in bath. I was lying in my own bath, thinking of ideas, when this one came into my head. I knew it



Police hunt for gunman after triple shooting

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

ARMED police were last night hunting a wealthy car dealer who was on the run after a triple shooting that left one man dead and two other people seriously wounded.

Detectives are looking for John Piccolo, 51, whose former lover was injured and her new partner shot dead. Piccolo's son was later found sixty miles away with head wounds.

Martin Cass, a 23-year-old businessman, and Jane Smith, 36, were ambushed outside their home in the Essex village of Ford End. near Chelmsford, after they drove home from shopping on Wednesday evening. Mr Cass was shot in the

head at close range with a 12-bore double-barrelled shotgun and died in the driveway of the couple's end-terrace cottage. Ms Smith fled to the house next door but, police said, was pursued and shot in the chest and shoulder in her neigh-bour's sitting room. A shotgun was abandoned at the scene and the killer fled in a Volvo car with the lights out.

Her two daughters, aged 9 and 12, were in the rear seats of the car parked outside.

Sixty miles away and five hours later police discovered Darren Piccolo, 26, who is believed to have been shot first, hours earlier at his father's home on the 90-acre Freedom Farm in the Suffolk village of Dallingheo near

Woodbridge Detectives, alert-ed by colleagues in Essex. were watching from a distance, hoping to arrest Mr Piccolo if he returned, when they saw a car pull up at the house and pull away again moments later with Darren Piccolo inside. Neighbours of Mr Cass said Mr Piccolo had been stalking Ms Smith and in May police set up a road block in Ford End when he appeared to have broken a court injunction to stay a mile from the house the woman

shared with Mr Cass. Both Ms Smith and Darren Piccolo were under guard in separate hospitals yesterday as armed police searched for the missing man, supported by a helicopter. Darren Piccolo was said to be in a critical condition. Ms Smith was said to be to a comfortable

Detective Superintendent Brian Storey, who is leading the investigation, said: "In my opinion this was a domestic entanglement and there is no other motive. My message to Mr Piccolo is to give himself up. I will meet him anywhere

Police are waiting to interview the two girls. Detective Superintendent Storey said:

They presumably would have seen everything up to the point where their mother and the gunman went into the Not touching a drop can be bad for you By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT TEETOTALLERS are about for men that are the medically

twice as likely to suffer from ill health and psychological problems as moderate drinkers, according to a study published in *The Lancet* today. Even heavy drinkers are generally fitter and less property. generally fitter and less prone to limiting illness.

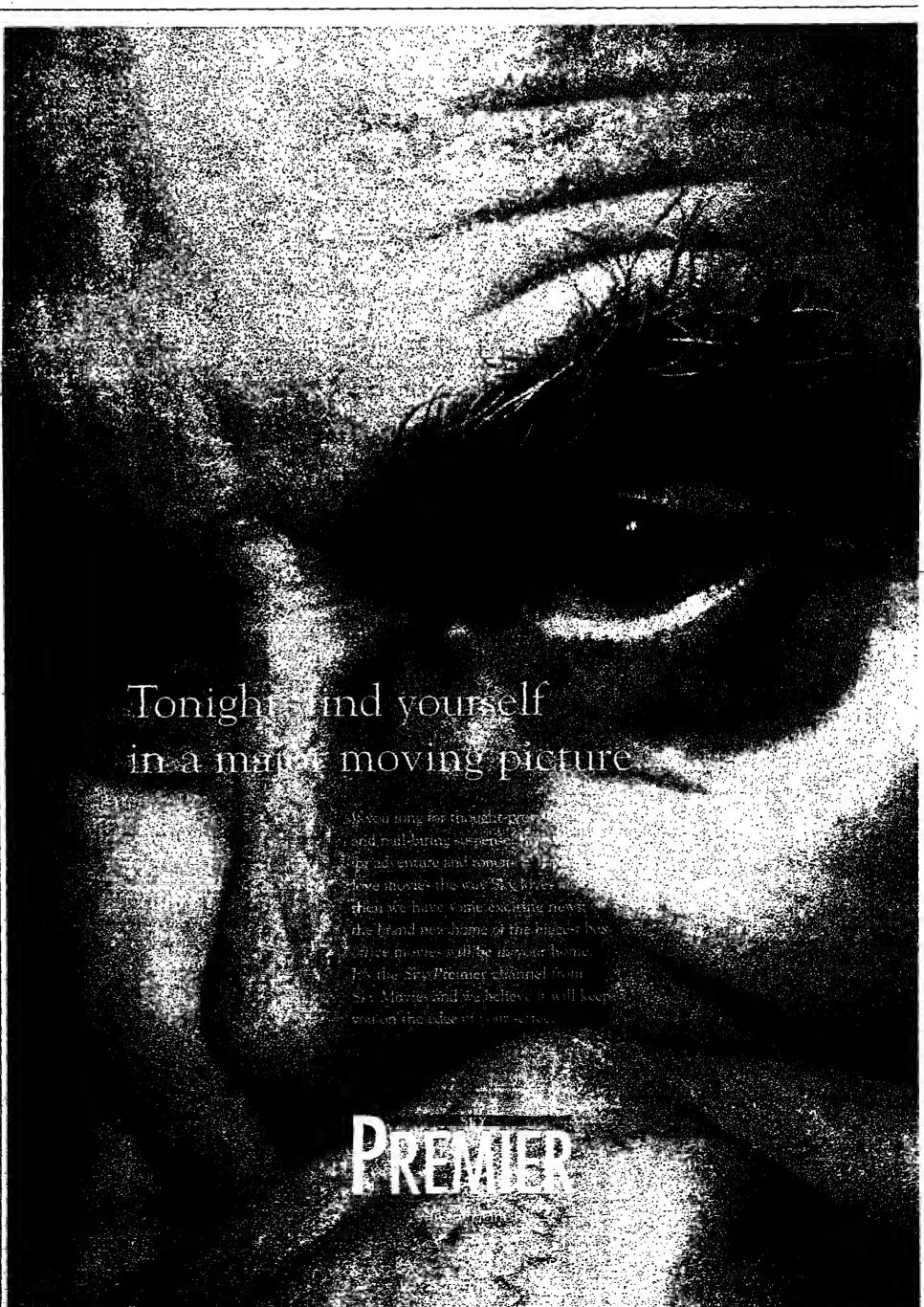
The research, among 9,605 people born in Britain during March 1958, is one of the first to try to relate the effects of drinking on younger people. Farlier studies bave tended to concentrate on people in middle age or later and there is little information about the lifetime characteristics of

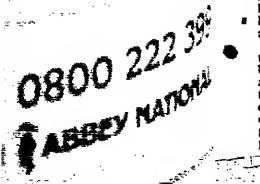
Women who consumed between three and ten pints of beer (or the equivalent) a week and men who drank between ten and 1712 pints a week were classified as moderate drinkers - although those levels go above the 14 units (seven pints) for women and 21 units

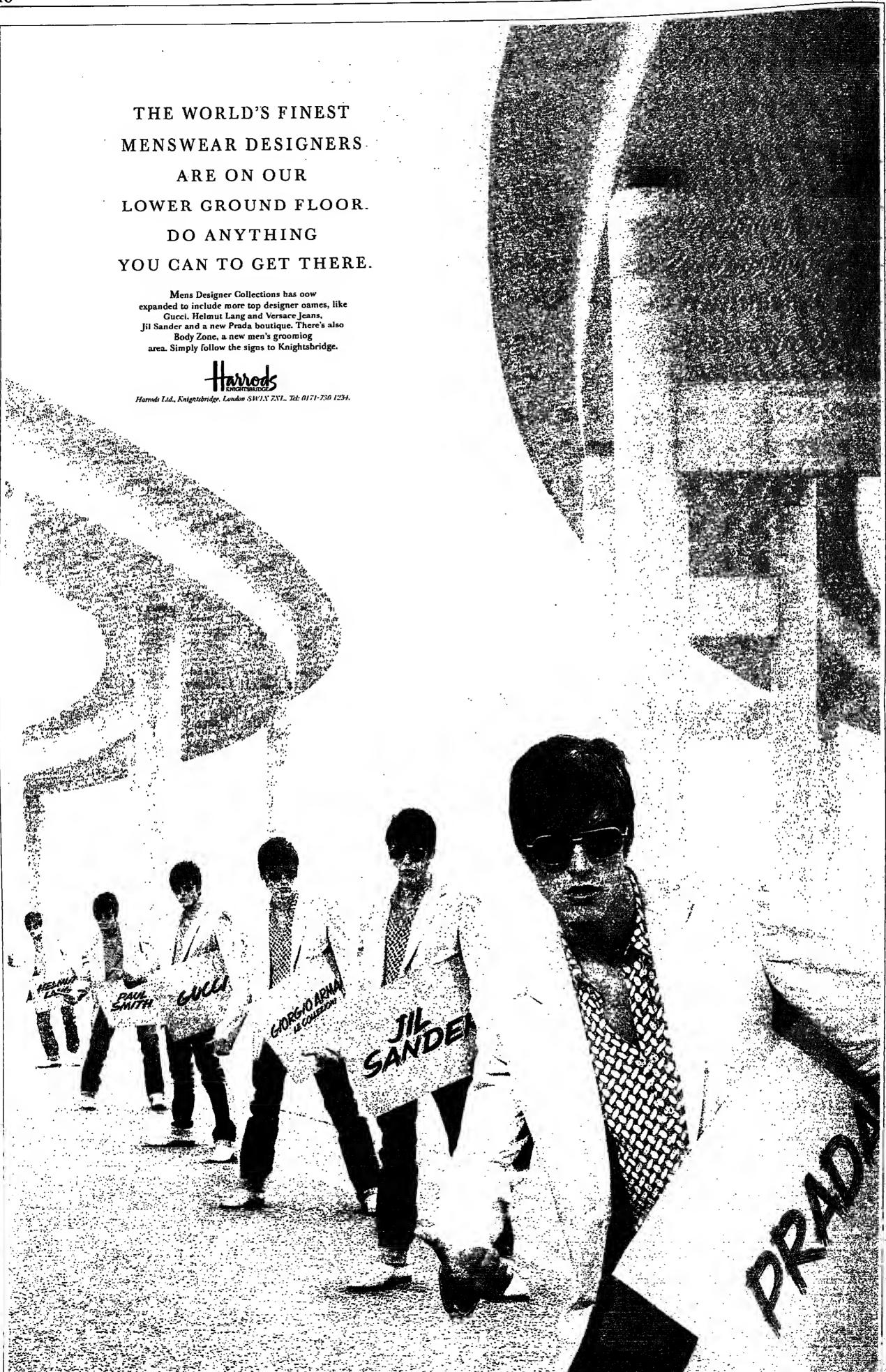
recommended limits. The researchers, from the Institute of Child Health in London and the Australian National University in Canberra, found that even "light drank no more than five units and men no more then ten healthier than the moderate

Checks were made to ensure that the poorer health of tectotallers was not due to past heavy drinkers giving up alcohol, nor that abstainers did not drink because of illhealth in the first place.

The researchers suggested that abstainers and heavy drinkers may share common risk factors such as unem-ployment and financial hardship, for example. Moderate drinking in contrast may have a protective effect on







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Takeover talk fuels Arsenal share boom

By Jason Nisse AND RAYMOND SNOODY

ARSENAL shares soared £1,200 to £4,100 yesterday after the news that the North London club was in talks with Carlton Communications that could lead to a £250 million

Trading in the shares, on the unregulated Ofex market, put a value of nearly £230 million on the club, which won the Premiership and FA Cup double last season. Carlton confirmed that the negotiations were at an early stage but might lead to a full-blown

Earlier this week, when Carlton was playing down talk of a bid. Arsenal shares changed hands at £2,000. Two years ago they could be bought for £700.

The Carlton move led to a flurry of rumours about the burgeoning football sector. Pearson, the media group that owns the Financial Times. denied it was about to buy a club, while Granada, the makers of Coronation Street, was fending off suggestions it might bid for Liverpool, the third English club to have been invited, with Arsenal and on its new digital television



Manchester United launched Manchester United launched the world's first daily football club channel last night (Carol Midgley writes). MUTV will be broadcast on Sky, initially only on its new digital service. from 6pm to midnight, seven days a week, for a monthly subscription of £4.99. Programmes will include cook-ery, aerobies and football tips for younger fans.

Manchester United, to join the

European Super League.
Aston Villa, which nearly struck a deal with Mirror Group Newspapers two years ago, said that it had been in talks with media companies but these might fall short of an offer. There were strong rumours that Leeds Sporting. which owns Leeds United, might be about to strike a deal with Canal Plus, the French broadcaster that owns Paris St

Germain. Carhon's deal with Arsenal might still be some way from completion. The group, which owns Cariton TV in London and Central in the Midlands, wants to use Arsenal to secure rights for televising live games joint venture, ONDigital. The two are also looking at creating an Arsenal club television channel along the lines of the MUTV channel, launched last night, and the purchase of the rights of Arsenal's overseas Michael Green, the founder

of Carlton, has been a friend of David Dein, the deputy chairman of Arsenal, for more than 25 years. Mr Dein and Danny Fisaman, a fellow director. control 44 per cent of Arsenal shares, having bought into the club for only £250,000 in 1982. The Carr family, the former owner of the News of the World, owns 26 per cent.

Mr Dein has had talks with outside parties, including Ladbroke, the gaming and

hotels group, about selling some of his shares in Arsenal. Two years ago he sold 3,000 shares to Fiszman for £4.35 million after holding

talks with outside parties.

Carlton may stop short of making an offer for the company if it can buy a stake and take a seat on the board. But if it buys the entire Dein-Fiszman holding. City take-over rules mean it will have to make a bid for the whole

Mr Green's father was an Arsenal supporter, his brother David is a season ocket holder and the Carlton chairman has attended Arsenal games in the

Carlton, in a joint venture with the Mirror Group, was an unsuccessful bidder for the Premier League rights last time round. They were outbid by BSkyB, a venture in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake.

The contract runs out in 2001, when Mr Green's digital terrestrial television company -a joint venture with Granada - should be starting to make an impact.

Carlton bid, page 52



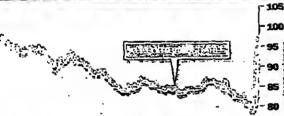
The Tottenham Hoispur striker Les Ferdinand signs autographs for young fans outside the planned FA Premier League Hall of Fame, after being chosen as one of the first six players to be featured there (John Goodbody reports).

Newcastle United's Alan Shearer was the only other Briton: others were Eric Cantona of France, Peter Schmeichel of Denmark. Gianfranco Zola of Italy and Dennis Bergkamp of Holland. A 19man panel chaired by Sir Geoff Hurst

the Premiership started in 1992. Ferdinand, chosen for 1995-96, when he played for Newcastle, said: "It is a really great feeling." The hall is to open in March at London's former County Hall,

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Analysts predict good season for media marriages

By Nicholas Wood and Daniel McGrory

EVERY football dub in the English Premiership will have a media partner within five years. City analysts pre-

top sides soured. The sudden flurry of interest has been triggered by BSkyB's £623 million agreed bid for Manchester United. As the price of football stock jumped 10 to 15 per cent and millions of shares changed hands, analysts said that buy-ers would initially focus on the big clabs. But with expanding cable services and this year's digital revolution bringing many more television channels, even smaller clubs were likely to become targets for firms wanting to proadcast their games to local

David Brooks, leisure analyst at Nomura International, said: It is almost inevitable that, in five years' time, practi-cally every football club in the Premiership will be aligned with a media partner.

with a media partner.

Nick Batram, a football analyst at Greig Middleton, said: "No one wants to be left behind. Football and television was always going to be a malch made in heaven and the only surprise is that it took so long. The first deal was the perfect couple: the most successful glamour club and the

There will be a few rushed, shotgun marriages next with partners not so attractive, but lelevision does not want to miss out and the clubs are

The future is pay per view and European leagues. None

of the top clubs can accommodate everyone who wants to see them in stadiums that are too small, so the only option is televised games. The technology is nearly here, so the me-dia deals have started in

The key to those links is a court ruling over relevision rights. BSkyB's £670 million four-year deal with the Premier League expires in 2001, and the price for renewing the rights could be as high as £1 billion.

The Office of Fair Trading (OFI) wants to ban collective bargaining by the Premier League, it backs the ambition of major clubs to negotiate individual contracts with media groups and a decision on that will be made by the Restrictive Practices Court in

If the court backs the OFT. broadcasters could face a scramble for television rights to leading clubs. If regula-tions are relaxed, then big players such as Cariton and BSkyB in could have interests in more than one club The present league rules prevent anyone owning more than one team.

The surge in interest in football shares this week follows a 25 per cent drop in their value since January. Analysts said many of the initial flotations had been overpriced. Mr Brooks cited Aston Villa and Leicester as potential "best buys", because of their good commercial management, playing strength, on-field per-formance and property assets. But he said he regarded Newcastle United as a "sell".



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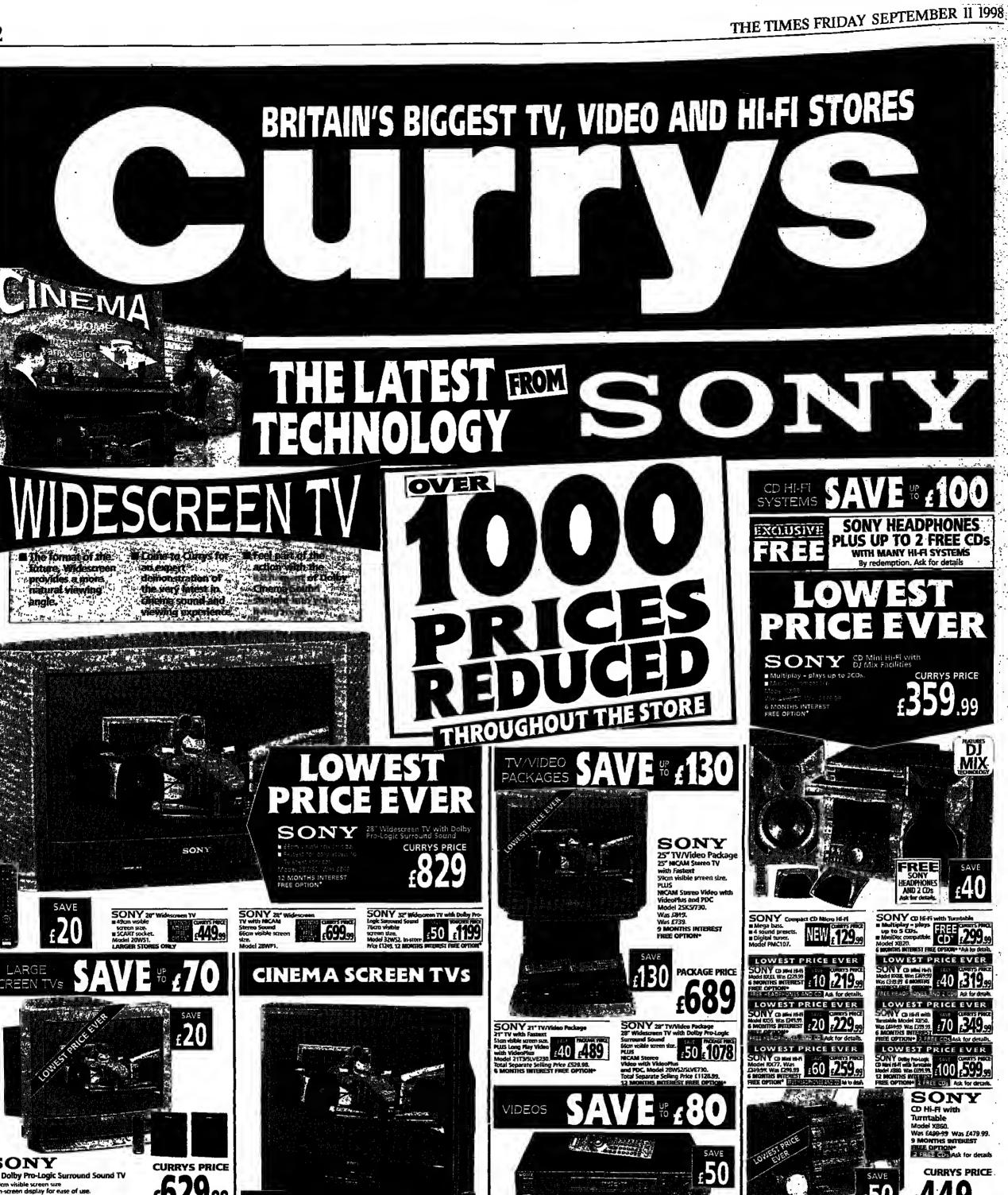
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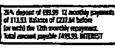




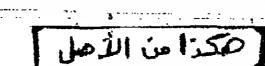




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Petty criminals could go to jail at the weekend

MINOR offenders could be allowed to keep their jobs and serve their seniences at weekends, according to a study by MPs on ways to relieve pressure on Britain's jails.

The report from the Commons Select Committee on Honte Affairs, released vesterday, says that rises in the prison popularion are "unsustainable" and up to a quarter of the 65,000 prisoners could have been given alternative sentences.

Weekend jail could be used for offenders convicted of petty crime ur serious drink-driving offences. During the week they could work, train or look for jobs, but the candidates would have to come from stable backgrounds, it said. Germany, Sweden, Switzer-land and Canada have schemes that allow sume prisoners to go to work during the day and spend their nights and weekends in jail.

The idea was put to the committee in evidence by Sir David Ramsbotham, the Chief Inspector of Prisons. He argued that jails had spare capacity at weekends because prisoners went on home leave. The proposal was supported by Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, but the Home Office said the plan would not relieve pressure.

Chris Mullin, the committee chairman, said yesterday that there were practical difficulties and weekend prison had a limited application. The report recognised that the prison **Stewart Tendler**

astonishing that there had

been no rigorous research on

the effectiveness of community sentences. Sentencing was still

"guesswork and optimism". Too few judges and magis-trates inspected community

sentencing schemes.

The report called for tough-

er penalties for offenders who

breached orders. Police can

take weeks to bring offenders

back to court and the commit-

tee recommended a new ol-

fence, which could lead to a

that the term "community

service order" should be

changed to "criminal work

order to make it sound more

Paul Cavadino, of the Nat-

ional Association for the Care

and Resettlement of Offend-

ers, said the report showed a

seachange in the political con-

sensus. It was the death knell

of Michael Howard's policy of

Prison works", he said.

The MPs also recommend

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overcrowding

population had risen by more than half in five years and could reach 82,000 in the next seven years, he said. It emphasised the need for credible alternatives, which must work and be seen to work by the public.

There are offenders for whom prison is the only appropriate penalty, but there are many people currently sentenced to imprisonment who could be dealt with more effectively and at far less expense by a non-custodial sentence," Mr Mullin said.

The bill for an average prison sentence was £24,271. compared with £1,770 to £3,500 for a community service order. In a report endorsed unanimously, the committee quoted estimates by Sir David showing that 70 per cent of women, up to 40 per cent of youths and up to 30 per cent of men should not be

in prison.
The MPs said they found it



Gary Glitter arriving at the court in Yate, near Bristol

Gary Glitter in court on child sex charges

GARY GLITTER appeared in court yesterday to face child sex and pornography charges. The pop star was arrested nine months ago when indecent images were allegedly fuund stored on his computer by repair workers.

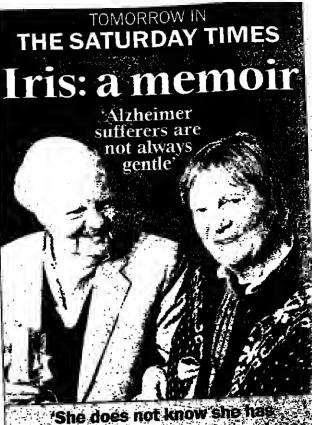
Glitter. 54. confirmed his age and address and his real name as Paul Francis Gadd. He looked straight ahead while the 110 charges against him were read out at North Avon Magistrates Court. Asked if he understood the charges, he replied: "I do." The singer faces five allega-

tions of indecent assault on girls aged under 16. The charges, which date from 1975, relate to two girls. He is also alleged to have commined four serious sexual offences with one of the girls, of which three are said to have happened when she was under 16.

He faces 51 charges under the Protection of Children Act 1978 of making indecent pseu-do-photographs of children, and 50 alternative charges under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 of possessing indecent photographs of children. The hearing was adjourned.

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Satellite TV porn channel banned

By CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FRENCH-BASED vision channel was banned yesterday from transmitting hard-core pornography to Britam via satellite.

Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, ordered the ban. effective from today, after a High Court judge refused to continue a legal order preventing him from outlawing Eurotica Rendez-Vous until after its operators have had a chance to challenge the legality of the action.

The Government used a clause of an EU directive that allows member states to act against programmes "which might seriously impair the physical, mental or moral development of minors". But it could face a damages claim if the courts eventually find it has acted unlawfully.

Yesterday Mr Justice Scott Baker, gave Danish Satellite Television A/S, which owns the channel, and its Luxembourg-based agents, Rendez-Vous Television International SA, permission to seek judicial review. The companies want a ruling that Mr Smith acted unlawfully and outside his jurisdiction when he issued a proscription order on July 30 this year under the 1990 Broadcasting Act.

In October last year the Independent Television Commission decided that Eurotica Render-Vous. available via a decoder, was "unsuitable" and recommended that Mr Smith seek the order, which prohibits the marketing and sale of

the service. Mr Smith, who is taking a gamble on the outcome of the court challenge, said yester-day: "We are determined to protect children from satellite pornography and my message to pornographers is clear. We will not tolerate material such as this and the Government will not hesitate to take this action in future."

NEWS IN BRIEF Man held

after death of family The boyfriend of a woman

who was found dead with her two children at her home in Egerion, near Bolton, was ng questioned by detectives last night. Police had named Peter Hall. 34. of Raddiffe. near Manchester, as the man they wanted to speak to in connection with the deaths of Celeste Bates and her sons Daniel, eight, and Milo, 16 months.

Mr Hall was arrested after he crashed his car in Bolton. He suffered minor injuries.

Boyfriend jailed

The boyfriend of Debbie Linden, 36, an actress and former Page Three girl, was cleared at the Old Bailey of giving her a heroin overdose. Russell Ainsworth, 27, from Kingston, Surrey, was found not guilty of manslaughter, but was jailed for 30 months for supplying the drug.

Night flights stay

Residents have lost a fight to restrict night flying at Heath-row, Gatwick and Stansted airports next summer. Night movements and noise quotas would stay the same as for this summer, the Government said. Anti-noise groups are still hoping for a night curfew in 2000.

CORRECTION

☐ It is North Nottinghamshire Health Authority that plans to block all new references for male impotence, not Northamptonshire, as stated in a leading article on the drug Viagra (September 9).

☐ A photograph (August 8). linked to a report on toxic waste dumps, showed a Harprule refuse vehicle on a refuse site. Harprule asks us to make clear that its business is to hire its vehicles to local authorities, and the company has no connection whatsoever with toxic waste dumps or their contents.

Spectacular birdie makes golfer's day turned round and plopped it

BIRDIES and eagles are every golfer's dream, but one player's winning shot will go down in sporting legend as a crow (Joanna Bale writes). During an early-morning game with two friends, Mike Wisgard's ball was just short of the 10th green when a large crow descended and nudged the ball with its beak 30ft along the green into the hole. The advertising agency ex-ecutive. 40, from Richmond, Surrey, said: "I watched in amazement as it started nudg-

in from the other side. There are quite a few crows around the course, but this one had obviously been studying the game and just fancied a go."
The bird saved Mr Wisgard's par and he then

won the par-four hole at Queen's Park golf club in Bournemouth. His playing partners were left baffied. Phil Ayliff, 69, of New Milton. Hampshire, said: "There is nothing in the rulebook about this. Only four shots had been ing the ball. When the ball taken by Mike and that had to the pail which the hind

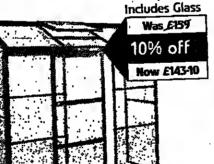
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Although the committee

backed the overall thrust of

the review, it warned that the

Government had possibly

gone too far in boosting the expeditionary nature of the Armed Forces at the expense of neglecting home defence.

The committee also warned

that any further cuts to the

defence budget beyond the 3

per cent efficiency savings already set could cause the entire strategy to unravel. The MPs added that the Armed

Forces would have a cap-

ability gap until two aircraft carriers planned in the review were operational — which might not be until 2018. They

also questioned the decision to

proceed with a £120 million

refit of the nuclear submarine

HMS Spartan four years

before it was scheduled to be

scrapped.

John Spellar, the Defence
Minister, said many of the

roles carried out by the TA -

such as defending key installa-

tions in case of an invasion

priority. "It is wasteful and

demoralising to maintain a

large establishment for a non

existent role," he said.

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TA cuts are misguided, say MPs

By James Landale, Political correspondent

THE Government's plan to cut the size of the Territorial Army by more than a third was condemned by MPs yes-terday as shortsighted and

The Defence Select Committee urged ministers to reconsider the recommendation of the recent Strategic Defence Review which said that the TA should cut its numbers from 59,000 to 40,000.

In a report on the review, the committee said the document's publication in July marked a "black day" for the TA. The Territorial Army is still a valuable resource as long-term insurance against the unexpected, and reroling should be considered before

cuts," the report said.

It added: "These forces, including the cadets, provide a vital recruiting ground for the regular forces and we believe a reduction in their roles and establishment could prove to be a very false economy in a period when recruiting to the regulars is such a challenge." John Maples, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "With a small professional army of only 120,000 men, as we have at present, there ought to be a general reserve - not only to support the regular army, but

to build on in a time of crisis." Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat defence

Labour invokes fear of the Left

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR officials were last night playing up the prospect of hard-left activists seizing up to four of the six seats on the party's National Executive committee, said: 'The Government's proposals are inadequately thought out and potentially damaging to Brit-ain's defence capability." Committee in this month's elections.

In what was seen as an attempt to increase the vote for the Blairite candidates, a party spokesman said it was plausile that the hard Left would gain the most seats.

Insiders suggest that Liz Davies, the hard-left activist vetoed as a candidate at the last general election, and Mark Seddon, Editor of the left-wing newspaper Tribune. are likely to win places on the reformed constituency section of the NEC. The party's rejec-tion of Ms Davies as a polential MP caused a rift and her election now to the NEC would prove embarrassing for

A senior party spokesman said: "I wouldn't be surprised if the hard-left slate were to win a number of seats - more than last year. I don't think anybody is expecting a clean sweep for a Blairite slate."
The Grassroots Alliance,

fielding six hard-left candidates, suggested that the leadersbip was trying to play up the Left's prospects to persuade members who are not activists to vote. Members First, fielding six moderates. believes that a bigger vote will boost its chances.



Alan Howarth, left, the Heritage Minister, and Sir Martin Jacomb, chairman of the Prudential Corporation, at the Prudential building in Central London, one of 2,200 buildings open during English Heritage's Open Days event this and next weekend

Dewar aims to shake off sleaze with relaunch

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

DONALD DEWAR, the Scottish Secretary, will attempt today to draw a line under the legacy of Labour sleaze north of the border by relaunching the party under the banner of Scottish New Labour.

The move comes on the first anniversary of the devolution referendum and two days after the expulsion of Tommy Graham. MP for Renfrewshire West, who has come to characterise the bitter feuding

in its urban heartlands.
It is understood that the title was chosen after work with focus groups. Mr Dewar will also unveil a mission statement The Lifetime of Oppor-tunity, comprising policies offering "opportunity for all from the cradle to the grave". focusing on child care, educa-tion, housing and health. Political analysts expressed

doubts about the name change. John Curtis of Strathctyde University said it was "entirely misguided". By emphasising the party's links with Blairism through the word "new" rather than its Scottishness, Labour was unlikely to convince the electorate that it could capitalise on the relative automony offered by devolution.

Mr Dewar's announcment in Glasgow is likely to be overshadowed by Mr Graham's plans to challenge his through judicial review.

Yesterday Mr Graham, 54,

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The Scottish National Party unveiled its key policies for next year's elections to the Holyrood parliament yesterday but postponed a decision on whether it would use tan-

raising powers.
Alex Salmond, the SNP. leader, outlined intentions to reform business rates, intraduce proportional representation for local elections and to abolish tutition fees for students from England Wales and Ireland studying in Scotland. However, the party avoided saying wheth-er it will use the parliament's 3p-in-the-pound tax varying

membership ended on Wednesday after he was guilty of sustained misconduct, insisted that he was "Labour through and through and had no intention of defecting to the Scottish National Party.

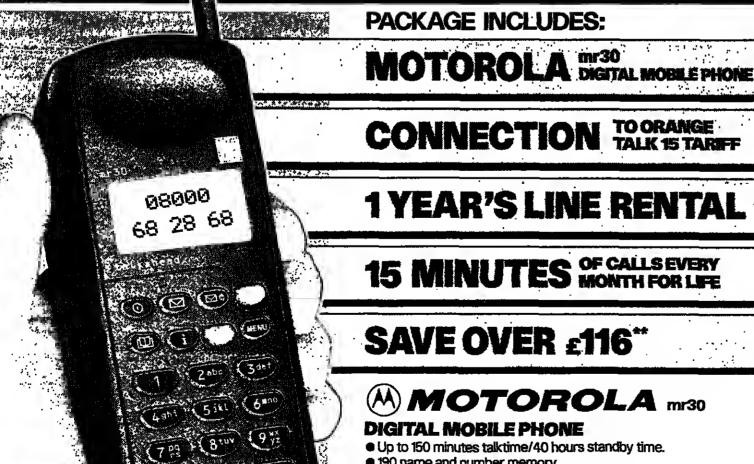
The 20-stone, cigar-smoking MP, who claims he was the victim of a conspiracy by Blairite enemies, warned other MPs of the "old Labour ilk" to watch their backs or shape up if they were to survive. "I would hope they would sensibly regroup, making sure they are not isolated and making sure they have a strong group to withstand attack. Otherwise they should slim down to ten stone, buy a slick new; suit and tie and a wee bit of make-up."

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Outcry as Bank rejects rate cut

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

UNIONS and bosses turned their fire on the Bank of England yesterday after it rejected calls for a reduction in the cost of borrowing and left interest rates at 7.5 per cent. John Monks, the TUC Gen-

eral Secretary, led a chorus of criticism of the Bank's decision. Ken Jackson, of the engineering workers' union, called it "industrial vandalism". It was predicted that Eddie George, the Bank of England governor, will get a rough ride at the TUC conference in Blackpool next week. Mr Jackson said: "Working

people will want to hear him explain why the Monetary Policy Committee ignores industry and threatens the jobs of ordinary people. The MPC lives in the world of statistics.

while working people have to survive in the real economy." fan Peters, deputy director general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said that

the decision would bitterly disappoint business, which had hoped for a rate cut to ensure that the pound's down-ward trend was sustained. "Business will have to continue to endure the slow torture caused by high interest rates, a strong pound and economic turmoil abroad."

Tim Melville-Ross, director general of the Institute of Directors. said: "I am very disappointed that the Bank has not reduced interest rates by at least 0.25 per cent if not 0.5 per cent." John Redwood, the Shadow

Trade and Industry Secretary. on a visit to the North East. said that Labour's policies were harming its industrial heartland. "It is their interest rates, through the Bank of England, that are determining the future of manufacturing; their sterling rate policy, or lack of one, that is doing the

Ministerial double-act gets the call

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

ACK CUNNINGHAM, the Cabinet's "enforcer", and Margaret Beckett, Leader of the House, are being groomed to become official spokesmen for the Government

Tony Blatt wants the two senior ministers to kick off their new high-profile roles at the Labour Party conference in Blackpool later this month. where they are expected to share main interviews

television and radio: They will also take part in a series of public meetings throughout the country in the coming months. The Government is keen to expand its contact with the regions, and separate itineraries for each minister are envisaged so most of the country can be covered.

Their appearances and speeches will be organised to complement those made by Mr Blair.

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A REVOLUTIONARY breath test that allows doctors to diagnose common illnesses without waiting days for blood or urine sample results is being developed by British scientists and could be avail-

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scientists and could be available within two years.

The breathalyset, which initially will test for different strains of the common cold within minutes, is likely to be available to hospials by the end of 2000. A hand-held version is planned for 2002, allowing GPs to make on-the-spot diagnoses that will save spot diagnoses tha will save the health service million of pounds in drugs bills and combat the rise of "superbugs"

resistant to antibiotes. The test, which registers odours in a patient's breath specific to different kinds of cold, will mean dictors can say with certainty i a patient has an infection that would benefit from anobiories.

Breath tests for other illnesses are likely to be developed. At present, doctors estimate that as much as 60 per cent of the annual £34 million bill for anobiotics in England alone is wasted on patients with viral colds for which the drugs are ineffective. The test will also

help to contain superbugs by reducing their exposure to drugs and limiting their capacity to develop resistance.

Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, and Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, warned doctors last week to limit antibiotic prescriptions for coughs, sore throats and colds because of fears that more bacteria

were developing resistance.
Imperial College London
announced a commercial partnership yesterday with the biotechnology group Kiotech to develop the technology, which largely exists already.

into a useable device. Their researchers are also working on a similar test for asthma. which measures the extent of the inflammation that causes breathing difficulties rather than the symptoms, allowing more accurate diagnosis and more appropriate treatment.

Peter Openshaw, Professor of Experimental Medicine at the college's National Heart and Lung Institute, said the technique would revolutionise diagnosis. "It gives GPs the ability to tell patients that they do or do not need ano biotics ... It's also a key weapon in the fight against superbugs. In ten years' ome it will seem ar-

chaic to send away for tests." George Dodd, director of research and development at Kiotech, said most of the technology needed for the breathalyser already existed and needed only to be brought together across disciplines.

The egg with its heart in the right place

By Roain Young

CONSUMERS could soon be going back to work on an egg with confidence that it will help their health, not

harm it. What are claimed to be healthier eggs - rich in omega 3 essential fatty acids and capable of reducing blood pressure, blood clotting and beart arrhythmia are going on sale this week.

Columbus eggs have been developed by Belovo, a Belgian egg-processing com-pany. Already 60,000 hens, producing 750 cases of eggs a week, have been converted to Columbus egg production. The eggs are going on sale this week, at 10p a half-dozen more than standard eggs.

The egg's secret, according to Fabien de Meester, managing director of Belovo, is in the birds' diet, replicating what free-wandering birds would eat in the wild. He said: "The rudimentary lym-



Fabien de Meester: the secret is in the chicken's diet, which is what free-wandering birds eat in the wild

phatic system of the chicken transfers the balanced fatty acids to the yolk of the egg. Dr de Meester said that fatty acid ratios in the human diet had been maintained in equilibrium until, in the last century and a half, the wide-

spread use of vegetable fat and oils made the diet very poor in omega 3 acids, the fatty acids in oily fish.
Omega 3 fatty acids are

believed to play a vital role in reducing the risk of heart and the eye. disease by reducing blood

pressure, reducing the tendency of blood to clot, and protecting against irregular heart beats. They are also thought to be important in the development of the brain

When Columbus eggs are

broken the yolk appears larger and flatter because it is less viscous. The colour is also paler because the birds are not given chemicals to enhance the yolk colour. They keep just as long as standard

Health care staff call for a 22% pay rise

By MARK HENDERSON

HEALTH unions will demand a 22 per cent salary rise over three years for non-medical professional today, ignoring for the second time this week government calls for pay restraint.

Unions representing profes-

Unions representing professions allied to medicine, such as physiotherapists radiographers and chiropodists, will make the claim in evidence to their independent pay review body.

The pay claim follows the British Medical Association's call on Wednesday for a 10 per cent rise for doctors, repeated year. About 30,000 people for five years. Nurses are expected to ask for a substantial award during the next week. The demands are likely to be resisted by the Covernment, which said in July that its £21 billioo investment in the NHS was for patient care. oot staff salaries.

The Professions Alled to Medicine onion said that a significant award was reeded to halt a recruitment and retention crisis worse than in any other sector of the NHS. A unioo survey found that only one in ten health professionals expected to be working in the NHS in three years' time. Two thirds of hose planning to leave cited pay.

£2.5m for cancer screening scheme

BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

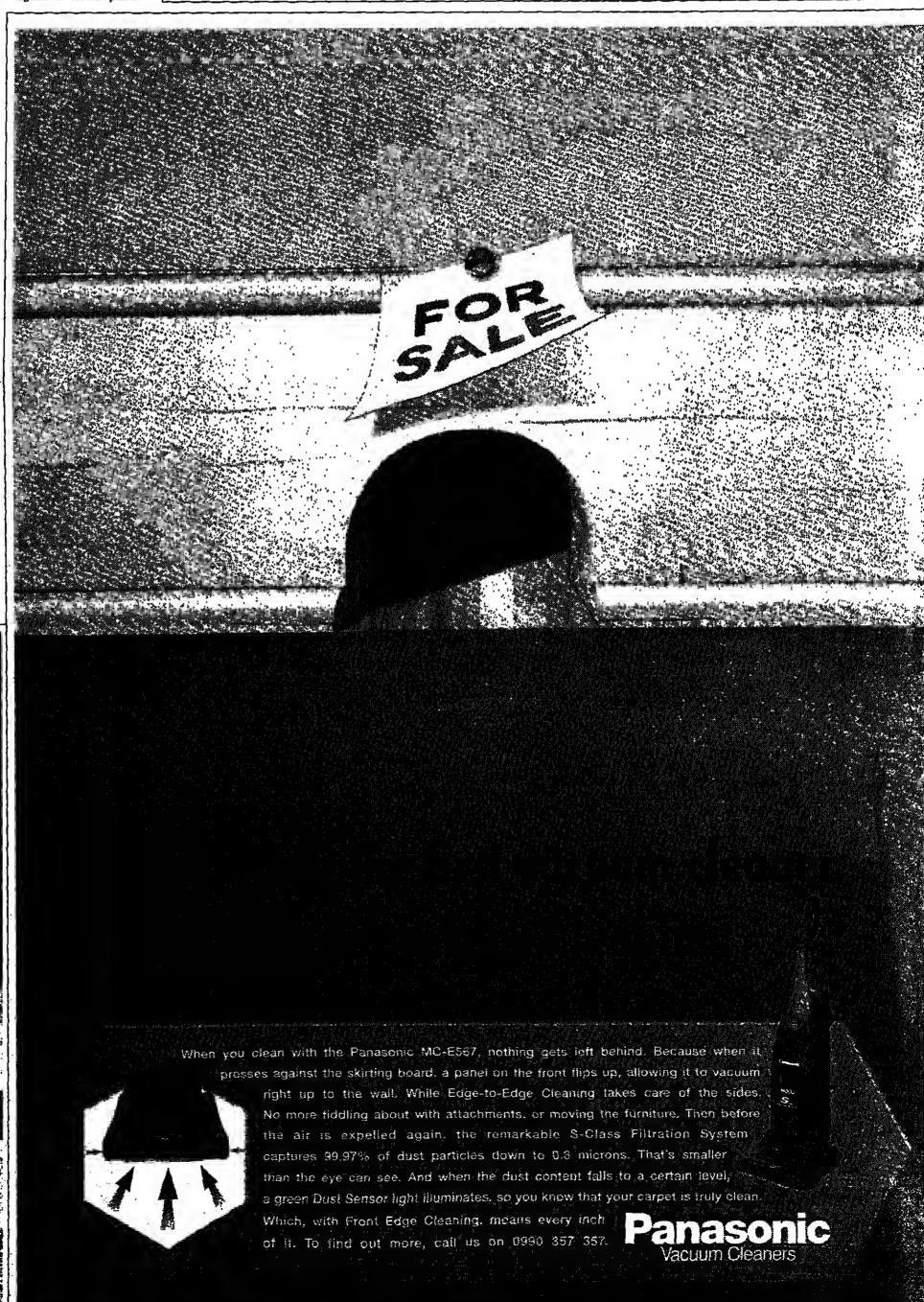
THE Government is to spend £2.5 million to investigate set-

ting up a national screening programme for bowel cancer.
The money is for two pilot studies—one each in Scotland and England—for up to three years, each covering a popula-tion of about one million. Screening will be offered every two years to everyone between 50 and 69, the age when the disease is most likely to occur.

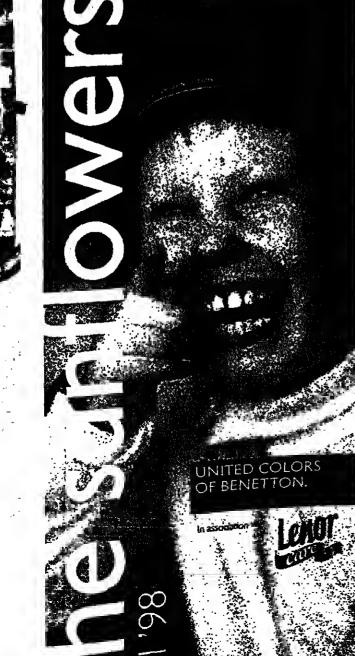
are found to be suffering from bowel cancer, including 6,000 under the age of 60. Early detection and treatment offer the best hopes

Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, said yesterday that the pilot scheme was an opportunity to gauge its feasibility and whether it was acceptable to the public.

"It is time to break the taboo of bowel cancer. Tens of thousands of people are suffering in silence, too embarrassed to tell their busbands, wives and doctors. But when it is caught early, bowel cancer is one of the most curable of all cancers."



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Experts back new tests for hidden BSE

committee on Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has recommended a new series of tests on cows that appear healthy but may be carrying the agents thal cause "mad cow"

The tests are the suggestion of John Collinge, of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, in West London, who has developed a technique that can be used to test samples from cows quickly and cheaply. The specimens would come from healthy cows slaughtered in abattoirs without any hint that they may be incubating BSE.

The idea is to investigate whether there are some cows that carry the infective agent

Reports by Nigel Hawkes and Nick Nuttall

for long periods, but never suffer symptoms. If such subclinical cases exist, it is possible that many cows could remain infectious even when the BSE epidemic is over.

Dr Collinge's test, using a technique called Western Blot, detects the aberrant prion proteins that are responsible for BSE or new-variant CJD. the brain disease that is the human equivalent of BSE. It is much quicker than the classical methods for testing infecrivity, which have involved

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£30m to wipe out mink

Mink could be eliminated from Britain, but the operation would cost £30 million, the association was told. Professor Morris Gosling, of the Zoological Society of London, said: "Mink can be caught in traps baited with fish. But it would be a lengthy and labour-iotensive task." David MacDonald, of Oxford University, said that the release of thousands of mink from a New Forest fur farm would add few to the wild because most would die.

Star travel delay

Professor Frank Close, of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire, has worked out that it would take only 20 kilograms of antimatter to power a spaceship to the stars. Unfortunately, it would take 10,000 times longer than all recorded history for CERN, the European Particle Physics Laboratory in Geneva, to provide the fuel.

Jurassic Park insect find

An extinct and unknown species of mayfly has been found in Mexico, perfectly preserved in 25 million-year-old amber. Andrew Ross, a curator at the Natural History Museum, said that the insect, which has yet to be named, would have lived just a few hours before becoming trapped in the

Stradivarius discord

A Stradivarius is no better than any other well-made violin, according to Benard Richardson, of Cardiff University's physics and astronomy department Although many people thought there was "something magical" about the 18th-century instruments, studies had shown that secret, long-lest chills had not been used to make them. lost, skills had not been used to make them.

injecting mice with brain ma-terial from cows and waiting

Professor John Pattison, chairman of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (Seac), told the British Association for the Advancement of Science's festival in Cardiff yesterday that the research had the approval of his committee and that a recommendation backing it had gone to the Ministry of Agriculture. It seems highly unlikely to be turned down.

Professor Richard Lacey, a long-term critic of the ministry's approach to BSE, believes that the number of cases is being underestimated. He has urged an even larger series of tests, on material taken at random from abattoirs, to check this. "For years I have been asking for systematic surveys in abattoirs, but they have never been done." he said yesterday. "I cannot understand why.

Other members of Seac are more sceptical about that approach. Professor Roy Anderson, of Oxford University, said that he still believed the BSE epidemic was close to its end. and would be at an extremely low level by 2001. He added that Dr Collinge's test needed further validation before it could be relied upon.

Poverty, starvation and unemployment in the developing world will all rise if genetically engineered crops become widespread, the festival was

Professor Martha Crouch, a biologist and former genetic engineering researcher at the University of Indiana, said claims that gene-modified plants could feed the world in the 21st century were a myth. Genetic engineering was turning animals into factories and machines. It perpetuated the planting of vast fields of identical, monoculture crops

ronment and wildlife and undermining rural cultures across the globe, she said. "This machine model of nature would be fine if that was what nature was like. But nature is not like that and it is go-

which were harming the envi-



Touch and go: the user can select tonight's viewing and tomorrow's groceries with the appliance of the future

By Nicholas Booth

ANYONE who has ever wanted to cook a meal, pay the gas bill. do the shopping and watch the latest episode of Coronation Street without climbing down from their kitchen stool will soon have the perfect gadget.
British researchers have de-

- an oven connected to the Internet and with a screen in its door. As well as combining TV dinners with TV programmes, the machine will enable the user to order goods or make financial transactions via the Net, Stephen

veloped the Microwave Bank

Just the thing for those TV dinners

makes hole-in-the wall casb dispensers, said: "You could watch Delia Smith and follow her instructions if you wanted. You can bake your cake, eal it and replace the ingredients you've used."

The Microwave Bank will respond to instructions using voice recognition software. For anyone who actually wants to lift a finger, it will also have a touch-sensitive screen. The working prototype has a barcode scanner for

rdering groceries. NCR's Knowledge Lab developed the idea to help to ease the pressure on banks, which can offset the cost of keeping branches open by offering services via the Internet. Although banks

have been encouraging cus-tomers to take up the offer of such services there is resistance to change.
"Only 30 per cent of homes

have personal computers." Dr Emmott said. "But our research has shown that con-sumers who refuse to use a PC take to the Microwave Bank like a duck to water."

Ease of use would be the key to the machine's success. People are familiar with the Microwave - they are com-fortable with it," he said. A production version would cost between £600 and £700 about the same as a top of the range microwave oven.

Alert over smoking in pregnancy is ignored

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By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

FIVE out of six women smokers ignore warnings that they are damaging their unborn child when they become pregnant, according to a study published today. The findings suggest it will be impossible to meet the Health Department's target that at least a third of women smokers will stop when ther know they are pregnant.

The survey is the latest in an annual series by the Health Education Authority. It shows that last year only one in six women gave up smoking when they became pregnant the same proportion as in 1992, when the campaigns began. Only one woman in ten gave up immediately before becoming pregnant, despite advice that those who want to have a bary should not smoke while trying to conceive.
The highest rate of smoking

is among the 15 to 24 age group, of whom three quarters were from manual or unemployed groups, compared with about three fifths among the 25-30 group and two fifths of those aged over 30. "Our findings suggest that current practice to reduce smoking during pregnancy is either not working or lacks sufficient investment and prioritisation to be effective." the report in the British Medical Journal

American research published last month shows that mothers who smoke pass a called NNK to babies in the

courts will sit in session on the Internet

By Frances GIBB

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE will resolve many legal disputes over the Internet from their homes, rather than going to court, under plans unveiled yeslerday.

Geoff Hoon, Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, out-lined proposals that envisage "virtual" court hearings in which people can commmunicale with the judge and lawyers over the Internet via their lelevision sets. Many of the traditional trappings of justice - including legal

hearings - are likely to disappear. The proposals put forward in the consultation paper, civil justice, form the first draft of an information technology strategy for the next 15 years. Judges and lawyers will still be needed. But much routine legal work will be computerised and packaged as an online product, such as drafting

standard contracts and agreements.

The paper asks: "Is it the physical courtroom with associated trappings that is important to most people, or is it the confidence that their dispute is being addressed by an appropriate, impartial person?" Many more cases

could be disposed of via "virtual" hearings that could be less daunting and more cost-effective for certain kinds of grievance, such as many tribunal claims. The paper suggests that people would obtain far more legal advice and information online than from lawyers, using computer klosks or terminals in shopping malls

and courts, and via the Internet. The paper suggests the creation of a website to act as an online civil justice service, a first port of call for anyone seeking information or advice on legal problems. Lawyers would also have to nge the way they work, and move

away from providing a high-cost advice service blied by the hour. Legal products for mass consumption would be developed orline and legal services sold in high volume at lower prices.

The paper says there is a large unmet need for legal services that might be better served by online legal services providing "affordable, jargonfree legal help at the fingertips of large numbers of clients across the World

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Yeltsin bows to Duma's wishes * over Primakov

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S damaging political stalemate ended in a compromise yesterday when Presi-Yeltsin bowed to parliament and selected Yevgeni Primakov, his former Foreign Minister, to become Russia's next Prime Minister.

The appointment was widely welcomed by Russian leaders across the political spectrum, who promised to confirm Mr Primakov this afternoon in parliament. Mr Yeltsin put forward his name after dropping Viktor Chernomyrdin, the unpopular acting Prime Minister, whose nomination was rejected twice by the Duma - the lower

house of parliament. Although the climbdown was a blow to the Kremlin leader's authority, Mr Primakov is a good alternative. As the longest serving Cabinet

the foreign intelligence service, he has experience and credibility, without posing a threat to Mr Yeltsin's position.

As Foreign Minister for the past two and a half years, he successfully reorientated Russia's policy away from the West, an achievement which made him popular with Com-munists and nationalists His nomination yesterday.

after nearly two weeks without government in Russia, had an immediate stabilising effect on the country's economic crisis. The rouble continued to strengthen against the dollar and shares even staged a modest rally on the beleaguered Moscow Stock Ex-

However, there were fears that Mr Primakov would be

minister, who previously ran unable to address the fundamental political and economic problems facing Russia over the coming months. There is a growing consensus that Mr Yeltsin is no longer fit for office and should not be allowed to complete his term which expires in 2000. Also, only a powerful and courageous leader will be able

to impose the tough measures necessary this winter to combat further devaluation and hyperinflation. The 68-yearold former spy chief is untested on economic policy. But yesterday Russians were simply pleased to have a

credible figure in place who could end the paralysis at the heart of government and who appeared to have solid support. His nomination was championed unanimously.



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Yevgeni Primakov, who was nominated yesterday as the new Russian Prime Minister, pictured on a visit to London as Foreign Minister earlier this year

Spy boss won the confidence of US

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

JOURNALIST. spy. academic. linguist and diplomat — Yevgeni Primakov has tried a whole range of professions in his long career and excelled at all of them before being nominated yesterday as Prime Minister by President

Yeltsin. There is one significant omission from the list, Mr Primakov has never worked as economist, a factor that might call into question his ability to extricate Russia from its current economic crisis and arrest the fall of the rouble. But this is not expected to impede his approval by the Duma. Perhaps his greatest skill over the years has been to win trust and confidence across the political

spectrum. That is only to be expected from a man who rose through the Communist Party hierarchy under Leonid Brezhnev. continued to prosper in the perestroika years under Mikhail Gorbachev and then survived the fall of Communism to be appointed chief of the Foreign Intelligence Scrvice and then Foreign Minis-

ter by Mr Yeltsin. Even Grigori Yavlinsky,

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teader of the liberal Yabloko faction and an avowedly antiinterventionist market economist, threw his support

behind Mr Primakov, 68. Mr Primakov himself can scarcely be said to be relishing the prospect of heading a new Russian government, but if he takes on the job - and it can be safely assume that he will — he is likely to throw bimself into it with energy

and dedication.

In 1996, when he was moved to the Foreign Ministry to replace Andrei Kozyrev. who was then regarded as too pro-Western, initially hostile officials at the US State Department, were impressed by the thoroughness of his briefing and by his negotiating skills. His relationship with Madeleine Albright, the Sec-retary of State, has flourished, despite wide differences be-tween Russian and US foreign policy over the expansion of Nato and Iraq.

The contacts he built up during more than 30 years of involvement with the intelligence services give him a formidable knowledge of leaders abroad as well as politicians at home.

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Pope blesses Rome plan to serve up 'Millennium menu'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

gave a reminder that the millennium is less than 500 days away, yesterday gave its blessing to a "Millennium menu for visitors to Rome in 2000 that will include medallioos of beef à la cardinal, Sistine Chapel mushrooms

and pilgrims' pudding. The four-course "Holy Year meal" is a far cry from the simple fare once offered to pilgrims who made the journey to Rome in the Middle Ages. It will be served by 400 Rome restaurants which have agreed to take part in the scheme. The meal will cost £10 a head for the estimated 27 million people expected to attend celebrations marking the millennium, which the Pope has declared a Holy

Year, or Jubilee. The Pope wants the Jubilee to focus on a renewal of Christian values rather than secular celebrations, but millennium plans in Rome have been marred by rows over a number of grandiose con-struction and transport pro-jects. many of which have ground to a halt because of planoing disagreements, failure to release funds, or objections by the Superintendent of Archaeology. Traffic around St Peter's is already chaotic

THE Vatican, which recently because of work on a new underground parking area for tourist coaches, and Vatican officials said the prospect of catering for millions of hungry people will provide a further "prospective head-

The Association of Rome Restaurateurs said it bad offered to help by agreeing an

official budget menu. "People will need a proper sit-down meal after tramping the streets of Rome," Roberto Carosi, the head of the association, told La Repubblica. "Many will be tempted by a snack at pizzerias and fast food outlets, but this will oot

give them enough Wine is on top of the £10 cost, with the organisers recommending Fontana di Papa. a refreshing, dry white wine produced in the Frascati hills near Castelgandolfo, the Pope's summer residence out-

side Rome. A typical meal might consist of pennetic dell'angelo, a pasta dish with courgettes, anchovies, raisins, pine outs and mozzarella; abbacchio del camerlengo, or papal cham-beriain's lamb, lamb cutlets fried in egg and breadcrumbs with a creamy sauce made of artichokes, mint, parsley and garlic, salad and pudding.

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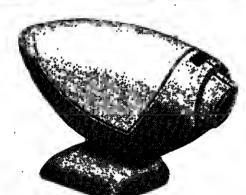
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The cat's whiskers: Sprite

Pakistan asks MPs to back test ban treaty

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN has summoned an emergency joint session of approval of a decision to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBI) which may lead to the lifting of economic sanctions imposed against it after it conducted nuclear

Government sources confirmed last night that a deci-sion in principle had been taken by the country's top civil and military leadership earlier this week. Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, later conveyed his Government's willingness to halt nuclear tests to President Clinton by telephone on Tuesday.

Pakistan hopes that the commitment will lead to the resumption of financial aid and loans from the United States and multilateral financial agencies. The sanctions, which were imposed by the Group of Eight countries in May, have seriously hit the country's fragile economy and pushed it to the brink of a total breakdown. Islamabad's commitment to accept the treatywas the main precondi-

tion for easing sanctions. The real question was when. rather than if. Pakistan accepts the treaty, a senior

government official was quoted as saying. However. the Government has not yet made the decision public for political reasons. "We have left it to parliament to take a decision on the issue," said Mushahid Hussain, the Minister for Information.

The Government, which commands a comfortable ma-jority in parliament, is not likely to face any problem in securing approval. The main opposition Pakistan People's Party, led by Benazir Bhutto, has also indicated that it would favour signing the treaty. However, the Government may face some opposition from the right-wing islamist groups which have threatened to launch a nationwide agitation if the Government signs the treaty. But these groups do not have any significant repre-sentation in parliament.

The parliamentary debate is expected to last three days. The Government wants to get parliamentary approval on the issue before Mr Sharif's scheduled meeting with Presi-dent Clinton in New York on

September 21. Most analysts agree that Pakistan's decision was largely dictated by economic compulsion. "Without accepting

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the ban on nuclear tests. Pakistan cannot have access to low-interest loans from the International Monetary Fund," says Samina Ahmed, a leading security analyst. "The signing of the treaty will not affect Pakistan's nuclear

An IMF team will arrive in fslamabad today for talks on an emergency relief package. Pakistan needs at least \$3 billion (£1.8 billion) in loans to meet its balance of payments and foreign debt servicing requirements.

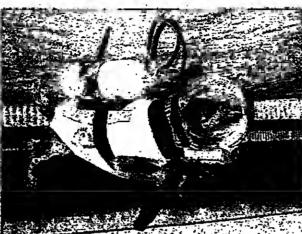
☐ Jerusalem: Israel's Home Front command is going to overhaul its defence strategy in the light of nuclear threats, according to Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister (Christopher Walker

Pakistan's nuclear capability has led to widespread fears that nuclear knowhow may be transferred to Israel's main enemies, notably Iran. Yesterday's announcement

of a rethink in defence strategy came only 24 hours after publication of the disclosure by Scott Ritter, the former top United Nations arms inspector, that Iraq is hiding three nuclear bombs that are tech-



Hooch, the sky-diving dog, in action with her owner, Sean Herbert, before having to give up her hobbies



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Flying dog grounded

but had to end her hobbies when she fell out of bed. For Hooch is a seven-year-old dog and the vet barred any more escapades when she broke a leg jumping off the bed of Sean Herbert, her owner. "The vet said it was time to call it a day," said Mr Herbert, Hooch, a cross between a cattle dog and King Charles spaniel, made 53 parachute jumps and 14 scu-

Sydney: She jumped out of United States which had made some parachute jumps and one which went scuba diving, but never heard of a dog which did both," said Mr Herbert. Hooch's wetsuit and air tank, with a bubble-like helmet, cost A\$2,000 (£704) to

her owner with a harness. arachute jumps and 14 scua dives.
"I don't think I'll get
another dog interested," Mr
Herbert said. (AFP)

make and she started her

underwater tricks when she

followed Mr Herbert into the

sea. When she went sky-

diving she was attached to

WORLD SUMMARY

Taleban finds dead **Iranians**

Islamahad: Taleban said it had found the bodies of nine Iranian diplomats whose disappearance sparked a huge Iranian military build-up on the Afghanistan border. The movement's senior spokes-man told the Afghan Islamic Press news agency that Taleban lighters acting independently killed the Iranians and said those responsible would be punished.

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It was the first time me radical Sunni Muslim movement haid publicly admitted that Iranians had been killed when its fighters captured the opposition stronghold of Mazar-i-Sharif last month. Tehran yesterday announced its second important military exercises on the Afghan bor-der in a month (Reuters)

Rocket fails

Moscow: Twelve communica-Globalstar Telecommunications Ltd. were lost when a Ukrainian Zenit rocket crashed after being launched from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome. (Reuters)

Britons fly out

Dhaka: The British High Commission is to evacuate 40 British women and children on the next available flights as Bangladesh's floods threamen the capital. The High Commission building has already been flooded (Reuters)

Baghdad threatens sanctions 'battle'

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A DEFIANT Iraq appeared set last night to escalate its dispute with the United Nations after the Security Council voted to maintain sanctions indefinitely to punish Baghdad for halting co-operation with weapons inspectors.

Babel, a leading newspaper run by President Saddam Hussein's eldest son. Uday. called for "decisive action". The Iraqi leadership must "choose the timing of a confrontation and take the initiative in battle", it said. It gave no indication what retaliation Baghdad might take, but the country's rubber-stamp parliament has already proposed cutting all bridges with the UN Special Commission (Unscom), the body set up to eliminate Iraq's weapons of

mass destruction. Unscom has been allowed to continue routine monitoring despite a ban on intrusive inspections declared by Saddam on August 5. Disruption of the monitoring programme would set alarm bells ringing. particularly after claims that Iraq is hiding three technologically complete nuclear bombs and is lacking only the fissionable materials to make them operational. The disclosure was made by Scott Ritter, a senior American arms inspector who resigned last month. Richard Butler, the Unscom chief, has already given a warning that the fiveweek-old stand-off has meant

The state-run Iraqi press has made clear that the Government believes it has nothing to lose by defying the UN and is relying instead on the gradual erosion of the eightyear-old trade embargo. Saddam was also gambling that President Clinton was too distracted and weakened by the Lewinsky affair to take decisive action, diplomats

ensure traq is not trying to

rebuild its weapons of mass

Fugitive held

Rome Licio Gelli, one of Italy's most wanted fugitives and former grandmaster of the outlawed P2 masonic lodge, has been captured in Cannes, Giorgio Napolitano, the Italian Interior Minister, announced. (Reuters)

Minister rallies

Paris: Jean-Pierre Chevenement, 59, the French Interior Minister, has come out of a coma after more than a week and recognised members of his family, the Val de Grace military hospital said.

Square deal

his men are no longer able to | Paris: The Place de la Concorde may be turned into a pedestrian precinct. Sources in the Paris Mayor's office say officials are leaning towards a ban on private cars as the best of three plans for the square.

Thin blue whine

Osio: About 500 Norwegian police will patrol streets here without pay on their day off to protest at lack of manpower and prove how sale the city can be. Fewer than 60 police are normally on patrol. (AFP)

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RICHARD BRANSON: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

At school I was dyslexic and a dunce



In the final extract from his autobiography Richard Branson recalls the headmaster who warned him that he would either go to prison or become a millionaire - and how the first part of that prediction came true long before the second

hen I was eight I was sent to board at Scattcliffe Preparatory School in Windsor Great Park. At the age of eight I still couldn't read. In fact, I was dyslexic and short-sighted. Dyslexia wasn't deemed a problem in those days — or was only a problem if you were dyslexic your-self. I was soon being beaten once or twice a week for doing poor classwork or confus-ing the date of the Battle of Hastings.

I was then sent to a crammer on the Sussex coast, Cliff View House. It had no sports to distract boys from the usually hopeless task of preparing for Common Entrance. My only consolation was the headmaster's 18-year-old daughter, who took a fancy to me, Every night I would climb out of my dormitory window and creep over to her bedroom in the headman ler's house. One night I was horrified to

see a teacher watching my progress.

The next morning I was summoned to the headmaster's study. "What were you doing, Branson?" he asked.

"I was on my way back from your daughter's room, sir," I replied.

Not surprisingly, I was expelled and my parents were told to collect me the next day. That evening, unable to think of any other way to escape my parents' wrath. I wrote a suicide note saying I couldn't cope with the shame. I wrote on the envelope

that it was not to be opened until the next day but gave it to a boy whom l knew was far too nosy not to

open il immediately. Very slowly. I left the buildgrounds towards the cliffs. When I saw a crowd of teachers and boys running after me I slowed down enough for them to catch me up. They dragged me back and the expulsion was overturned.

I then moved to Slowe, a public school in Buckinghamshire for more than 800 boys. One Easter holiday I decided to make some money. We had just moved to Tanyards Farm.

a rambling building with many barns and sheds and some land. I talked my friend Nik into the plan. We would plant 400 fir trees at Tanyards Farm. By the Christmas after next, they would have grown to 4ft and we could sell them. We would share the profits equally.

That Easter we planted 400 seeds. We

worked out that, if they grew to 6ft, we would make £2 a tree, a total of £800, compared with our initial investment of just E5. The following summer we investigated the trees. There were one or two sprigs above ground; the rest had been eaten by rabbits. We exacted dire revenge; we shot and skinned a lot of rabbits and sold them to the butcher for a shilling each, but it wasn't the £800 we had planned.

This failure did teach me something about maths - it was only when I was using real numbers to solve real problems that it made sense. If I was calculating how much a Christmas tree would grow, the numbers then became real and I enjoyed using them. In the classroom I was

still a complete dunce at the subject. I think my parents instilled a rebellious streak in me. I have always thought rules were there to be broken and Stowe had as many rules and regulations as the Army. The headmaster suggested that I air my views in the school magazine but my friend Jonny Gems and I wanted to set up a magazine with a fresh attitude. We wanted to campaign against fagging, corporal punishment and compulsory chapel, games and Latin. Such ideas were too 'revolutionary' for the school magazine.

We then thought about linking up with other schools with similar rules.

We settled on the name Student: this was the era of sit-ins, occupations and demos at universities and polytechnics. My mother lent me E4 as a float against the cost of phone calls and letters, and Jonny's father arranged for headed notepaper with STUDENT — THE MAGAZINE FOR BRITAIN'S YOUTH across the top with a symbol of a rising sun. We wrote to the contributors and possible advertisers.

I set up an office in my study and asked the headmaster for a telephone in my room; unsurprisingly, he refused. So I had to use a call box. I quickly discovered a useful trick: if I rang the operator and said the machine had taken my money but my call had been disconnected, I got a free call. Better still, the operator sounded like a secretary: "Mr Branson for you."

I learnt how to pack my sales pitch into five minutes. I started speaking faster. pushing harder. My voice had broken early and nobody guessed that they were talk-ing to a 15-year-old schoolboy. When 1 left Stowe in 1967, aged almost

17, my headmaster's parting words were: 'Congratulations, Branson. I predict you will go to prison or become a millionaire."
When it became clear that Student

wasn't likely to be a great money-spinner. I began to think of other ways to develop the name in other directions: a Student

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conference, a Student travei company, a Student accommodation agency.

One thing I knew from those for us was that they spent a lot

of time listening to music and a lot of money buying records. There was tremendous excitement about music: it was political. anarchic. And I noticed that people who wouldn't spend 40 shillings on a meal wouldn't hesitate to spend that sum ona Dylan album.

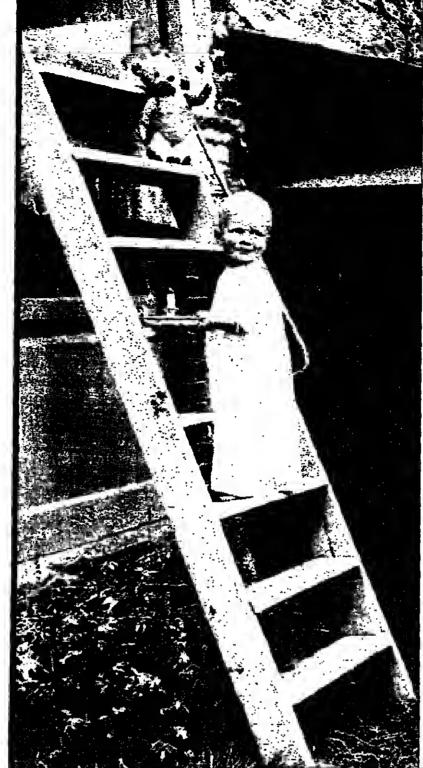
When I heard that, despite the Government's abolition of the Retail Price Maintenance Agreement, none of the shops was offering discounted records I wondered if we

could sell cheap mail-order records through the magazine. The first advertisement appeared in the final edition of Student and brought in a flood of inquiries and more cash then we had ever seen. We decided to come up with another name for the mail-order business, one that would appeal not just to students. "Slipped Disc" was a favourite. Then one of the girls said: What about Virgin? We're complete virgins at business."

"And there aren't many virgins around here," laughed another girl. "It would be nice to have one in name if nothing else." "Great," I decided. "It's Virgin." Looking at the various uses to which we've

since put the name, I think we made the right decision. I'm not sure Slipped Disc Airways or Slipped Disc Condoms would have had quite the same appeal.

In spring 1971 I received an order from Belgium for a large number of records. I went to the companies that published them and bought them without paying the purchase tax that we had to pay on records sold in the UK. I then borrowed a van and drove down to Dover to take the ferry to France and then drive on to Belgium. Some papers were stamped at Dover to confirm that so many records had been exported but when I arrived at Calais I was asked for a carnet showing I wasn't going to sell them in France. The British and the French authorities both charged purchase tax on records, while Belgium charged nothing, so the records were, in effect,







Three ages of Branson: clockwise, aiming for new heights at the lender age of two; a prize moment on sports day at Scattcliffe school; student days

Dover, the records still in my van.

On the way to London, it dawned on me that I was carrying records that had apparently been exported; I had the customs stamp to prove it. I had paid no purchase tax on these records so I could sell them either by mail order or at the Virgin shop and make about £5,000 more than I could have done by the legal route. Two or three more trips and we would be out of debt.

One day I set off for Dover again. Once my papers were stamped I drove around the dock and headed for London. It never occurred to me that I wasn't the only person who had stumbled across this scam.

he phone rang at midnight. The caller said I was about to be raided by Customs and Excise. We ran in and out of the warehouse, carrying records to the van. We had assumed that the officers would raid only the South Wharf warehouse so we took the records to the Oxford Street shop and put them in the racks to be sold. We had no idea that Customs has greater powers of immediate search than the police. I was charged under the Customs and Excise Act 1952. Part of my Stowe headmaster's prediction had come true: I was in prison.

That night was one of the best things that ever happened to me. I have always enjoyed breaking the rules, I had lived life on my own terms. Now I was in a cell and dependent on somebody else to open the door. I vowed that I would never again do anything that would cause me to be imprisoned - or to cause me to be embarrassed.

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Richard and Kristen Branson

Swimming for our lives around in circles. The rudder was terrified but I decided KRISTEN and I had been

married for two years when we went on holiday to Mexico to try to patch up our failing

One night some other tourists told us that this was the best place in the world for marlin and sailfish. We greed that we would ask a fisherman to take us out the next day, but the fishermen were wary about going out. They explained that there was the possibility of a storm.

Come on, we've only got a couple more days here," I pleaded "We'll pay you double." They accepted, and to-gether with the two other tourists, we sel out. Before long, the clouds gathered and it soon became clear that we were going to be caught up in

the predicted storm. The fishermen started up the engine to head home but boat started drifting had jammed. The sea rose around us and the waves started breaking over the stern. The boat was being so badly smashed up that we were sure she would sink. After an hour of the worst

storm any of us had ever experienced, the wind and rain abruptly stopped. It was eerily still. We must have been in the eye of the storm. Then we saw the other side of the storm coming, growing more threatening as it came nearer. "Richard, I think we should

swim for it," Kristen said. This boat won't take another storm." We argued with the fisher-

men and the tourists, who disagreed. The shore was about two miles away. The sea around us was an ugly, matt black colour, swelling high and boiling, with white foam flecked across the surface. I day if it hadn't been for us.

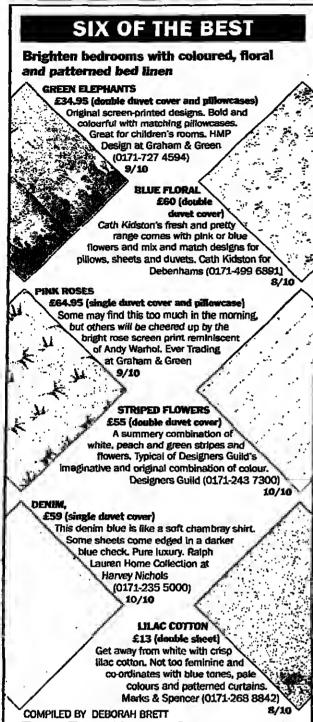
that Kristen was right. We all wished each other the best of luck and then Kristen and I jumped overboard. We had swum in the stormy sea for almost three hours by

the time we hauled our way

up through the surf and col-

lapsed on to the sand. Eventually we found the captain of the local car ferry. He agreed to go out to try to rescue the fishing boat. Within 15 minutes the second storm hit It was far worse than the first and it picked up the car ferry and tossed if around like flotsam. After ten minutes the captain told us

that he was turning back. The fishing boat was never found. Two fishermen and two tourists drowned. I had to learn to live with the question of whether the fishermen would have gone to sea that





What students want is a wardrobe that is dirt cheap, very warm, insidiously sexy and calculated to get, if not a scream, then at least a squeak of dismay out of their mothers

ears ago, when I was at university, I used to sit in the library. not reading The Anxiety of Influence, as I was supposed to be doing, but gazing at a girl called Amanda Grieve, who later became Lady Harlech and muse to Karl Lagerfeld. I couldn't take my eyes off her clothes, which were often black, and always of an awe-inspiring elegance. Almost everyone else used to

go about in one of three uniforms - the hearty rowers wore jeans and college sweatshires, the beagles wert green Puffa jackets and loafers with little gilt bits, and the highminded academics wore ostentatiously mismatching droopy skirts and cardies (minding

about clothes was low).
Quite where I might lit in. with my colour co-ordinated wardrobe of tidy separates from Hulbards of Sittingbourne, was not entirely clear. After clocking the future Lady Harlech, I ditched the sepa-

JANE SHILLING

rates and began to reinvent

Now, of course, teenagers have a far better developed sense of style than we did, and are infinitely better catered for by the high street, where the 18-year-old and her 40-yearold mother might wear is much less sharp than in the days when I shared a library table with Amanda Grieve. Still, some things don't change, and if I were shopping now for my clever daughter to embark on her first term of student life. I suppose she might want roughly what I did at that age — a wardrobe that is dirt cheap, very warm, insidi-

ously sexy and calculated to get, if not a scream, then at least a squeak of dismay out of

So, where to start? If you are

sensible (and undergraduates seem now to be unnervingly sensible), it will be with the ba-sics. One might begin at Gap, where deep turn-up jeans are £38. Cargo pants from £48 (much cheaper at Lawrence Corner, however, where I once got an astounding pair of Land Girls breeches for £5). Heavy cotton rib funnel-neck sweaters are £36 and a classic black pigskin jacket is 1148, but should last for decades. I like Gap Kids better than the grown-up shop - here, leather jodhpur boots (up to an English size 6) are £27, a cloud cream, shaggy "sheepskin" jacket is 146 and a (patchesork) cardigan is £28.

Highlights at Dorothy Per-kins include, besides very good knitwear, a stylish long black duvet coat for £80 and a good black leather knee-length

coat for £150. At Marks & Spencer silver low-waisted fake leather boot-cut jeans are £35 (there are matching shirts. if you don't mind looking like Johnny Halliday, for £45). A hooded bouclé mohair jacket is £35, and a long grey wool-mix skirt, £30.

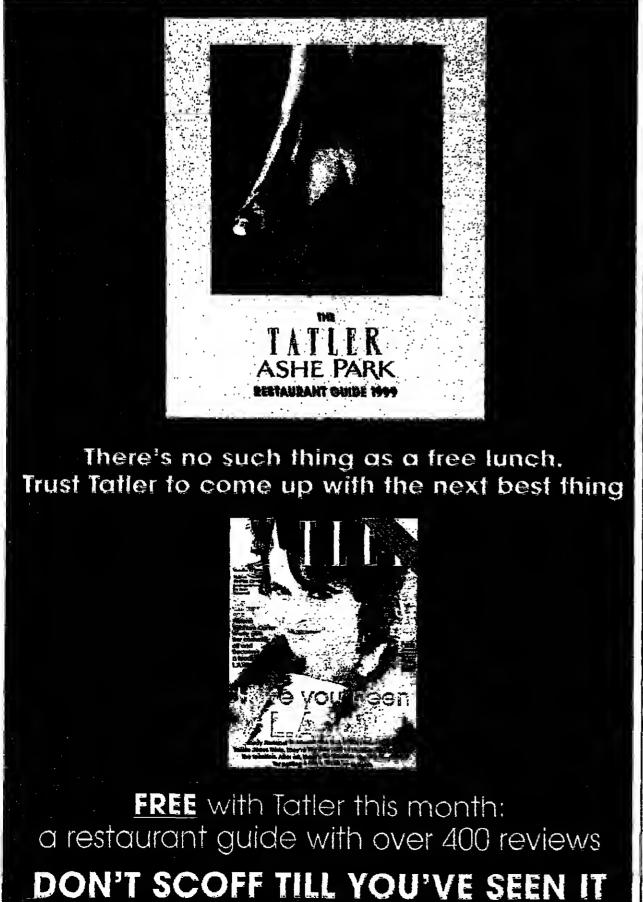
arehouse and Oasis each have a brilliant take on that old student staple, the duffel coat in pale grey with a fur trim at Oasis, £99.99: black and zipalso has slate-blue parachute silk cargo pants, £44.99, and a long wrap skirt in the same material, £44.99 — good with its fake chinchilla gilet, £69.99, or Warehouse's black pure wood hooded gilet, IAU.

Office, Ravel and Shelleys are all good for stout boots. but at Bertie there is a particularly stylish and comfortable duo of mid-calf boots - chiseltoed black or chocolate suede on a crepe wedge for £85.95, or in soft black leather on a moulded rubber wedge, £85. Nothing here to raise mother's eyebrows? Then try Morgan, where black jersey trousers with a zip all the way down the outside leg cost £59,99, and a silver rubberised crinkle skirt is £39.99.

And then there is Miss Selfridge which, in all its cheerful trashiness, has been one of my favourite shops for nearly years. Here, a floor-length black lambswool cardigan is £44.99, a black lamé hooded top is 125, as is a pearly accordian-pleated skirt. And oh look! - the very thing for the Principal's sherry party: a Voyage-inspired ensemble in turquoise and copper metallic lace, trimmed with crimson crocket and time great velvel ribbon - discordant but exhilarating, as Elizabeth David once said about a mixture of sardines and sultanas - is just E30 for the little dress and E15 for a matching cardie.



You have until







Russia? Just ask my daughter for the answer

You might be surprised to learn that some people know nobody better able to unravel the mystery of Russia's current malaise than me (when I say "some people" I'm thinking particularly of my three-year-old daughter, who has a very narrow acquaintance of Russian experts). though I admit that I wasn't aware just how deep a mess Russia's economy was in until important world leaders began urgently asking Boris Yeltsin what he plans to do about it. When there is nobody left whom you can ask for strategie advice apart from Boris Yeltsin, then things have got about as

scary as they can get. Russia's political crisis is, of course, a result of not earning as much over the past year as it has been spending. This is essentially the same problem you have to confroot when filing your own tax re-

turn, only on an even bigger scale. For one thing, it's not as easy for Russia to lay its hands on all the receipts its accountant needs to complete its "tax return". This is beed to hold all Russia's receipts is the size of Murmansk (YELTSIN: I could have sworn I'd put that receipt for 327 fighter planes in this shoebox only last month, but I'll be damned if I can find it now).
Of course, Russia would find it

much easier to meet its bills if money was still flowing in from foreign investors. But most foreigners have closed their wallets. Why? Be-cause the idea behind investing your money somewhere is to make it work for you. But when the foreigners' money got to Russia it didn't seem all that keen on working. It picked up bad habits. It began drinking heavily, stayed out late and stopped bothering with its

appearance: once crisp, new \$100 bills and £50 notes became grimy and began curling at the edges. Pretty soon those \$100 bills were down to their last \$10 and begging for handouts. So investors stopped sending their money to the Russian stock market, because by the time it came home again it looked so shabby that even Tory party fun-draisers and TV evangelists wouldn't accept it.

This is why Russia now finds it-self in the same awkward position that you find yourself in when you are visiting a fancy department store - dressed unconvendonally because the only clean thing left in your wardrobe is that shirt your grandmother crocheted for you for Christmas 1987 — and the sales assistant takes your credit card warily and mumbles "There seems to be something wrong with the magnetic strip. I'll just phone through

off to summon security. This is approximately the same feeling of trust Russia enjoys today.

The solution is for Russia to find a fresh source of export earnings beyond coal and wooden dolls.

ne under-exploited natural resource it has is a plenti-ful supply is consonants. Russia is sitting on far more consonants than it needs, having al-ready crammed them into every nook of the language (bortsch, for instance, or Viktor Chernomyrdin): this is why the Russian language reads like a series of newspa-per small ads (Car fr sale. V gd condin. Wld st Irnr dryr. Offrs?" which actually means "tuna sandwich, no mayo " in Russian). And as more Russians revert to living off the land - growing potatoes and cabbages and digging for

their own coal to survive — more consonants are being dug up all the time: a peasant will be quietly scratching for coal when all of a sudden he'll hit a rich seam of con-sonants that have been fossilising underground for millions of years.

RUSSIAN PEASANT: "Hey Yevgeni, come look! I've found enough consonants to rewrite half

enough consonants to rewrite half the Russian language."
YEVGENI (whose hobby is sweeping the local beaches with his metal detector looking for inter-esting lost consonants, which he then flaunts in linguistically alarm-ing ways) replies: "Zhkymdylsky!" Since the fall of communism. Russia can no longer force satel-

Russia can no longer force satel-lites such as Czechoslovakia (once Bohemia) to import its consonant mountain. But Italians, whose language is too vowel-heavy, could prove a lucrative export market. They should look at Garry

after becoming world chess cham-pion that he could at last afford to buy an extra 'R' for his Christian name: it's the Moscow equivalent of buying personalised numberplates. Now Garry dreams of one day being rich enough to change his name to Garrry. This export revenue could be swelled by a sev-en-figure sponsorship deal (which at current rouble exchange rates equates to a 37,658-figure sponsorship deal) with Nike, under which Russia would be renamed "Rus-sia: Just Do It, for Heaven's Sake Boris!" and the Nike swoosh would be added to the Russian flag. Russia should be out of the financial woods in no time.

I appreciate it might be hard for you to believe that Russia's plight could have so simple a solution. In which case, all I can say is that you are certainly no daughter of mine.

Poetic giant with his feet on the ground

Seamus Heaney celebrates 30 years of poetry with a new selection. Interview by Erica Wagner

the only poet capable of writing a love poem comparing the beloved to a skunk; perhaps he is also the only one who could make the answer to the question "what's your favourite colour?" interesting. That question was shouted from the audience last Sunday night when Heaney read from the latest selection OF ILLS WORK. to a packed Piccadilly Theatre. There was a thoughtful pause as the question settled in, and then: "Green," he said,

laughing himself, and making

us laugh. For his inclusion in

the 1982 Penguin Book of Contemporary British Poetry, he had rebuked its editors, Andrew Mooon and Blake Morrison: "... be ad-vised my passport's green./ No glass of ours was ever raised! To toast the queen." But his follow-up on Sunday had no political tint "One favourite image of mine is the planet Earth seen from the astronaut's perspective; that wavery ovum that is our Earth is very moving. I could make an ideological defence of green . . . " -- and his voice trails off into

laughter again. There are some who bold this trailing off against him. Heaney is now nearly 60. For more than 30 years, since the publication of his first book,

Death of A Naturalist, in 1960, he has risen from being a talented young poet, a Catholic Ulsterman and son of a Co Derry farmer to his present stature of poetic giant of his generacion: he has been Professor of Poetry at Oxford, Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory at Harvard, and is now Ralph Waldo Emerson Poet in Residence at Harvard, a post held by Robert Frost and Robert Lowell before him. And then there is the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature.

His early rise paralleling the growth of conflict in his na-ove Northern Ireland, led many to expect him to take sides, to speak out his reluctance to do so explicitly in his work has not met universal approval. When we meet, in the

t has been said that he is airy boardroom of his publishers, Faber & Faber, I ask if this is one of the difficulties of the lyric poet: balancing the beauty and pleasure of the work with the harshness of the subjects that come into the poet's line of sight. "I don't think the political presents itself to you as a writer as, in inverted com-

mas, the political," he says. His voice is soft and deep, nus eyes glasses. He speaks easily in the kind of coherent paragraphs that most writers would be happy to produce after several revisions. "The Robert Frost description of a poem, which I've quoted and

that lyric poetry is a very strange and rare instrument and that you can't expect a proportional yield between historical trauma and artistic yield."

The truth is that Heaney's poems deepen beyond politics or conflict. North, published in 1975, is laced with images of the "bog people", those eerily preserved bodies found in peat bogs, victims of violent and fract, rather than reflect, the conflict in Northern Ireland. Roy Foster, Carroll Professor of Irish History at Oxford and the biographer of Yeats. says that when he first read those poems he thought: "So it can

Postscript

And some time make the time to drive out west Into County Clare, along the Flaggy Shore, In September or October, when the wind And the light are working off each other So that the ocean on one side is wild With foam and glitter, and inland among stones The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit By the earthed lightning of a flock of swans, Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white, Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads Tucked or cresting or busy underwater. Useless to think you'll park and capture it More thoroughly. You are neither here nor there, A hurry through which known and strange things pass As big soft buffetings come at the car sideways And catch the heart off guard and blow it open.

quoted, seems to me to be simply true: a momentary stay against confusion. Maybe someomes you will find a way of saying something that will keep the confusion momentarily at bay. 'It's a bit like this.' The same with The Northern Ireland question - he lowers his voice, mock-ponderous. The way in is usually not a triumphal arch but a kind of mousehole, or by Ariadne's thread: something reliable but

very small.
"I think lyric poetry in the face of historic reality does depend on the utterly frail - but the utterly frail is often the most sensitive register. If you ponder the minuscule artistic evidence for the awful volume of reality represented by the First World War, it tells you

be written about, and this is how you write about it. I felt that something had been liberated. He confronts the issue with propriety and dignity which is worthy of him. To be a heart-on-your sleeve poet on that issue is to trivialise both the issue and yourself."

Poetry, not politics, is Heaney's business. Opened Ground is a selection of his work from his beginnings to the present - his last grand selection was made nearly ten years ago. On its cover is a lit-tle image which he first spot-ted in Simon Schama's An Embarrassment of Riches, a Hier-onymus Bosch detail of a little naked child, who may be the infant Christ, with a spinning toy in his hand. It's clear that loves the image, and the

choice of it sheds an angled ther's farm. "The image I have light on the way he now views now of my life is of ripples dom of it attracted me, and the slightly scampish quality of baby Jesus in His pelt with what my mother would have called His little teapot! Perfectly poised, y'know? And there was something about the

whirligig, the lightness of it, that goes with the account I had given of my own poetry that's printed there the Nobel lecture, Crediting Poetry. This guy's about lightening up, in a way. And true to the idea that the child is the father of the man . . . it doesn't have an immediate symbolic import. The thing is just itself, but if you pause

with it, it can be read." The same is true of Heaney's poetry, at its best: the thing is just itself, but if you pause with it, it can be read. It is this apparent expression of things and places as just themselves that is most remarkable about his work. The best Heaney allows intelli-

gence to remain within the organic forms he evokes, rather than stepping back," says fellow poet Andrew Motion. Citing Keats, he says: "We hate poetry that has a palpable design on us." Heaney is strongest when he resists the temptadon to tell us, within a poem, what it

That scampish quality is in Heaney, too: in his refusal to take himself too seriously, his occasional terrible pun (of a love poem written for his wife Marie, called *The Otter*, he says: "It's about 'the otter half." and grins apologeocally), his willingness to embrace the youthful curiosity about the world that kept him with his ear close to the radio when be was growing up, the eldest of nine children, on his fa-

more the older you get and the further you go, both intellectually and physically - and that which is doing the encompass ing is an extension of your first

"I like the sense that at the centre there's still that child with the whirligig, running, but he knows more in one way. At a certain point you satisfy your curiosity about the world, you try to learn and then you realise that nobody can help. You're left with yourself This is the terrible thing. that you can then turn into yourself - that is the danger. when you become confident and a figure: that you turn the last ripple into a fortification."

here seems little danger of that, despite his awareness that he is considered "a figure" worrying that his work is overexamined: "I am grateful, but I must forget it." he says. His work in The Spirit Level, his last volume of new poems pub-lished just after he won the prize he can hardly bring himself to name, is limber, sensuous, exact. Now he has nearly completed a translation of Beowulf - an exact translation. to be used as a parallel text by students: "None of your fancy stuff, none of your versions, none of your Christopher Logues," he says ruefully, comparing the work to "breaking

stones for pleasure".
Once Beowulf is finished, he says: 'I have a notion. Of something I'll write. Lyric poetry is a matter of constant hope: but there have to be little projects, too, to keep yourself going."
He once said he was tempted to call a volume of poems Keeping Going: he may have held back from that, but we may all be glad that keeping going is just what he intends to do.

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Hildegard's ministry for women

Daniel Johnson on a medieval

media nun with attitude

t is a striking photograph: 37 of the richest people in America, all media barons and worth \$1.4 trillion between them, captured for pos-terity by Annie Leibovitz of Vanity Fair. But the most striking thing about it is that only one of these Croesuses is a woman: Katharine Graham, the octogenarian proprietress of The Washington Post. Her splendid isolation is a reminder that, even at the end of the 20th century, men still call most of the shots. Feminism, the sexual revolution, the rise of the career woman - they have changed the division of labour, far less that of power.

This week I have been re-flecting on another exceptional woman, who made her name in a culture which made no presence of sexual equality. Hildegard of Bingen, the prophetess, was born 900 years ago in 1098 and died at the Nestorian age of 81 in 1179. Enclosed in a cell with an anchoress. Jutta, at the age of eight, she remained as a member and then head (she never called herself "abbess") of a growing community of nuns attached to the monastery of St Disibod, until in 1152 she led her noble virgins to found a

new convent beside the Rhine. In her long, turbulent life she broke every taboo while remaining strictly within the rules of mother Church: admonishing Popes and emperors, travelling around the Rhineland on preaching tours. writing on science and medicine (the Causae et Curae), de-fying abbots and archibishops at a time of war between Church and State. Her migraine-like visions, which she (or a skilled artist working under her supervision) depicted vividly in the illuminated manuscripts of her works, have been the subject of modern medical as well as theological study. She dispensed advice. therapy and futurology to the greatest and the humblest: a 21h-century combination of Marge Proops, Mystic Meg and Mother Teresa. Her canonisation was never completed, but she has always been revered as a saint anyway.

Hildegard's Ordo Virtumi. superbly performed at the Proms on Tuesday by the Cologne-based ensemble Sequenna, is the first morality play. Even if she had written or done nothing else, this music drama - a medieval precursor of Wagner's "total work of art" - depicting the soul's anguish, caught between the virtues and the Devil, would warrant a place in history for its author. As perfect an expression of its own epoch as it is prescient of the future. it adapts the allegorical use of virtues and vices in the Psychomachia of the 4th-cennity poet Prudendus, but heightens its effect by contrasting the melodious female voices of the virtues and the soul with the spoken male voice of "the dragon of old". Ordo Virtutum foreshadows such seminal myths as Faust and Don Juan, the moral dramas that nourished European civilisation from Dante to Dostoevsky.

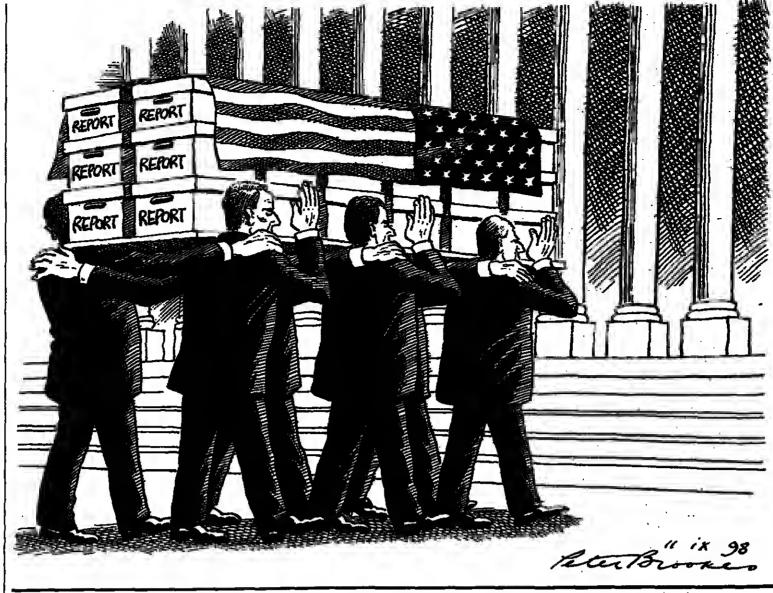
But there was much more to Hildegard than the Ordo Virturum. She wrote some 60 symphoniae, or sacred songs, most of which Sequenoa and other groups have now recorded. This corpus establishes her as a composer of the first rank. with a unique style that combines utmost simplicity with extraordinary melodic range and virtuosity. Her texts are no less her own, and show a similarly remarkable poetic genius, expecially since her limited education vouchsafed her only a rough-and-ready grasp of Latin, and she saw herself as indocta, an ignorant woman. Modern (mostly male) scholars assumed that she could not possibly have wrinen the books and musical compositions attributed to her, and that her faithful secretary. the monk Volmar, must have been her ghostwriter. That view rested more on prejudice than evidence.

Indeed, her fame among

contemporaries rested on her reputation as a visionary wom-an of letters, the author of massive works of moral and metaphysical speculation, which in nirn would never have been taken seriously had she not held an important position in society. Except through birth or marriage, the role of abbess was the pinnacle of feminine ambition in 12th-century Eu-rope. Hildegard had passages from her first book of prophecy, the Scivias (which incorporates parts of the Ordo), read aloud by Pope Eugenius III at the Synod of Trier, where she was defended against suspicions of heresy by the great St Bernard of Clairvaux. She corresponded with other Popes. 100, including the only English one, Adrian IV. Given the public nature of medieval letters. which were the equivalent of newspapers, she was exercising influence comparable to a modern media grande dame such as Katharine Graham.

B ut celebrity came at a price. Hildegard constantly had humility en joined upon her by male eccle-siastics. from St Bernard downwards. The superior of another convent, Mistress Tengswich, even wrote her a veils and golden crowns, letting them wear their hair unbound, and accepting only rich daughters of the nobility. Hildegard replied with a magisterial missive: "O, woman, what a splendid being you are! For you have set your foundation in the sun, and have conquered the world." Virgins, unsullied as they are, cannot be bound by restrictions on dress.

They are God's chosen. At the end of the Ordo Virtutum, the Devil has some good lines. He jeers at Chastity, and thereby at the nun's condidon: "For your belly is devoid of the beautiful form that woman receives from man; in this you transgress the command that God enjoined in the sweet act of love; so you don't even know what you are!" Celibacy was the sacrifice that Hildegard and her sisters made to achieve independence and, in her case, a rare creativity. Few modern women are bold enough to emulate her renunciation of the world, her contemptus mundi, but they should hesitate to feel superior to it. Look again at those male tycoons, Hildegard implies: if you want to beat them, don't join them.



Start packing, Bill

The two black vans that drove the Starr report to Capitol hearses of the Clinton presidency. The end is not so much nigh as sitting around impatiently awaiting its moment. The fat lady is not only singing but well into the second verse. Unless Kenneth Starr has produced 445 pages of disappointment, then the final arrival of his document is an unmidgated disaster for the White House. It will take a miracle

on an epic scale to save Mr Clinton.

Less than three weeks ago on these pages I argued that the President was linished. His tenure. I contended, would be over by Christmas. At the time I thought this was a rather risky line to take (although nowhere near as dangerous as offering suggestions for the modernisation of the monarchy). It now appears that I was guilty of excessive caution. President Clinton will not be lighting the White House Christmas tree this year. I sarcastic letter, taking her to task for the sin of pride by dressing her nuns in white silk ing (late November). At the rate at ing (late November). At the rate ar which Democrats are abandoning him, I believe he has two more weeks left in Washington.

The end will come as the President's enemies close in on several fronts. Mr Starr, the independent prosecutor, is still very much part of the picture. He has ordered back his grand jury to Washington and intends to continue his inquiries even though his handiwork is now with the House of Representatives. This can only mean that he intends to seek indictments against those figures in and around the Clinton White House whom he now thinks he can prove assisted the President in an obstruction of justice. Bruce Lindsay, Mr Clinton's closest political confidant, and Vernon Jordan, the first couple's most inómate private associate, musi be very nervous men. They run the risk of imprisonment unless Mr Clinton

pardons them as part of a package that includes his own resignation. The House of Representatives will turn the screw on the President. Members of Congress would much rather Mr Clinton jumped than that they had to push him. In the name of freedom of information they will release the core Starr report to press and public. They will also unveil enough of the corroborating material on Mr Clinion's apparently imaginative trysts with Monica Lewinsky to demolish the President's present ridicuClinton will blub, but it's much too

late for sentiment, argues Tim Hames

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lous contention that while Ms Lewinsky had sex with him, he did no such thing with her. The House will hold back the really sensadonal material. This will prove an exceptionally useful bargaining chip in the days ahead. Newt Gingrich will then turn over the whole issue of impeachment to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives and Henry

Hyde, its widely respected chairman. The Starr report will thus saturate American television airwaves this weekend. More Democrats will come forward and profess their shock and outrage. The pundit class will dismiss the claim of Mr Clinton's law-

yers that whatever Mr Starr has discovered does not constitute grounds for impeachment. The analogies with the Nixon era inviting and powerful as they are - will be awarded a full outing. The com-parison is, of course, deeply unfair. Mr Nixon did at least have a redeeming for-

eign policy.

After the prosecutor, the politicians, and the press will come the pollsters. Americans will be asked:

"Whatever you might think of the importance of the Monica Lewinsky affair, would the national interest now best be served through Mr Clinton's resignation?" Only the most loyal Arkansas hillbilly could possibly arrive at an answer other than the affirmative. As soon as those numbers exceed 50 per cent - and they will the Clintons can start packing.

The President will not go down without a fight, or more accurately a sob. At some point soon Mr Clinton will address the American people once more and produce the mother of all apologies. The tears will flow as he throws himself at their feet, a mixture between the Prodigal Son and the Oprah Winfrey show. This is precisely what he should have done in his original televised speech 25 days ago. He obeyed his lawyers then and attacked Mr Starr instead. The President can blub on a truly interplanetary scale but it will be too much, too late. It will only confirm that he has reached the point where it is impossi-

ble for him to soldier on with any sem-

blance of credibility.

At that point Hillary Clinton, who from the start has been a pivotal player in this saga, will again assume centre stage. There will be a small cabal at the White House urging the President to dig his heels in and withhold his resignation. Take your case to the people, they will encourage him, tough it out unol the mid-term elections in November and make those contests a referendum on your future. The mere prospect of that campaign has already gone down with the Democrats like the proverbial lead air-

ship. Nonetheless, it is possible that, if Mrs Clinton were part of this last-ditch camp, the President might be tempted to dare Congress to impeach him.

This may, though, be asking for one act of loyal-ty too far for the First Lady. She is more than smart enough to realise that the chances of her husband saving himself range from nil to negative. She may regard a free first- class ticket on a kamikaze flight as less

than appealing. If she has any ambitions for a meaningful private life, never mind as some speculate a political career, then it is time for her to keep her distance. An improbable alliance of convenience between Mr Starr, Mr Gingrich and Mrs Clinton may yet emerge with the express purpose of ensuring an orderly transfer of power. If so, we really are in the

last days of the Clinton era. It is not difficult to see how the men (and one woman) in grey suits will sell it to the President. If you go immediately, they will contend, there are numerous advantages. You will be seen as acting in the national interests. There will still be many Americans inclined to sympathise with your plight. You will retain some dig-nity as it would not be necessary for Congress to authorise the publication of every sordid sexual detail. You can pardon your friends. Mr Starr will promise not to pursue you through the courts. You will be acting in the inlerests of the Democratic Party. You will be offering your devoted Vice-President Al Gore the maximum op-portunity to build his own record. Above all else, the shooting party will note accurately, it will still be possible for you to start another career and even salvage your reputation much as Richard Nixon did after he lost office. The alternative is an impeachment melodrama that will utterly de-

stroy you.
This will be an almost unanswerable case, especially as Mr Clinton's lawyers will be advising him that his legal situation is all but hopeless. From there will come the resignation speech, the last helicopter ride to Little Rock, and Mr Gore's inauguration. In different form Mr Gore will echo Gerald Ford's speech in similar circumstances 24 years ago when he told Americans that "Our long national nightmare is over. Our Constitution works; our great Republic is a Government of laws and not men."

oubtless, there will then be endless analysis o what the whole Clinton-Lewinsky calamity can tell us about the meaning of modern America. A disproportionate amount of these accounts will be written by those from the Hollywood fraternity who will castigate a small set of religious retards and accuse them of "moral McCarthyism". Bill Clinton's story, it will be said, is a tragedy worthy of the Ancients. A sad tale of a man with undoubted immense talent tempered by irresistible temptation. Only in the United States, many wise figures will intone, could any of this

appen.
There certainly is a wider story here but it is almost embarrassingly simple. It has little to do with sex and everything to do with abuse of power. For most of this year commentators have informed us that a strong economy would save Mr Clinton from his ethical failings. The public, we were told, would not stomach the removal of Wall Street's preferred polician. It was even intimated that Americans had "become French" in their attitude towards sexual conduct. Perjury in the political sphere did not matter much either. All nonsense. To put it crudely, the United States has indeed witnessed a dtanic struggle over the past eight months between the Ten Commandments and the Dow Jones index. The triumph of those few words - "Thou shalt not bear false

witness" - is almost with us.

Philip Howard



Setting a cat among the pigeon and mutton pies

In Heaven there'll be no algebra. No learning dates or names. But only playing golden harps. And reading Henry James. The beach, however, requires something less heavenly than Henry. His deep streams of unconscious cerebra-tion should be read from a garden chair in a stately lawn on a summer afternoon beside a richly garnished teatable and a couple of countesses. The beach calls for a light episodic book that can be dumped fast in or-der to rescue toddler Tom who has been dumped again by the rollers, or to build another Maginot Line in the sand against the Atlantic.

It should also provide an escape from the flash and crackle of contemporary news. My beach book was a bestseller about the supposed golden age of Victorian values 160 years ago. It propelled a pseudony-mous young hack into world ce-lebrity. And its plot concerns a stream of grotesque sexual encounters, vicious mutual abuse by politicians, lawyers and edi-tors, continual misadventures on public transport, and the propriety of eating cats. In a week when the media were full of shock-horror about a Vicenza cookbook with recipes for marinated cat, this came as proof that there's nothing new under the sun on the beach.

Felivoracity or cat-cating is not as new as we suppose. The traditional French nursery thyme, Cest la mère Michelle! Qui a perdu son chat, ends in pussy pie. And there are those who raise an eyebrow at the diet of Wodehouse's Claude Catsmeat Potter-Pirbright. He is famous for once hitting the cold "game" pie, set on a table in the middle of the Droges dining room, six consecutive times with bread rolls thrown from aseat by the far window. They still speak of Catsmeat's emotion when the bread roll he picked up squeaked loudly and a mouse ran out. Strong men had to rally round with brandy. But his nickname was probably made up by wags at the Drones Club making fun of Jaude's second name. Cattermole. (Henry Brougham Guppy's Homes of Family Names Great Britain, 1890, lists Cattermole as a name "pecu-liar" to Suffolk, but offers no

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guidance about its etymology.) But the locus classicus of cateating took place at a picnic in Suffolk early in September, fic-tionally in 1828, published 1836-7. "Werry good thing is weal pie, when you know the lady as made it, and is quite sure it an't kittens; and arter all though, where's the odds, when they're so like weal that the wery piemen themselves don't know the difference?" And Sam Weller plunges into one of his stories as tall and hairy as the Beast of Bodmin about how to season a tabby kitten to make a beefsteak, veal, mutton or steak and kidney pie at a minute's notice, just as the market changes and appetites "wary".

The misadventures of Mr Pickwick, the amorous Mr Tupman and the cad Jingle with the fairer sex are not as sexually explicit as today's. And they have a poliocally incorrect Victorian tendency to find middle-aged spinsters funny. But Rachael Wardle, Miss Witherfield (the middleaged lady in yellow curlpapers whose bedroom is invaded by Pickwick). Martha Bardell with her breach of promise action, and all the other comely or conniving females would be quite at home in a modern

front-page splash.

Pickwickian politicians are as pompous and indistinguishable as todays. Mr Pott, editor of the Eatanswill Gazette. with a face in which solemn importance was blended with a look of unfathomable profundity", could deputise for most of the editors of today's nationals. Mrs Leo Hunter's party for literary lions is just a modern book launch, with everybody looking over everybody else's shoulder to see if there is somebody more important to talk to. And those frantic chases and accidents in post-chaises and wagons anticipate by two centuries our own dear Circle or North-ern Lines. Stop with jerk — tun-nel — all fall down — driver says signal failure - station announcer disagrees - suspect package - both inaudible -"customers" packed like sardines — dripping sweat not oil

– late for work as usual. it goes on too long. The interpolated ghost and other stories may be skipped. But Pickwick shows that the English character and English news have not changed much in two centuries. Both are funny, in parts.

Face value

THAT proud peacock, Lord Glenconner, has undergone a series of facelifts. Vanity, however, is not the main reason for his Narcissus complex. Rather, he is telling friends that he underwent plastic surgery in New York because he hopes a younger visage will help his business interests. The Glenconner coffers are so depleted after years of good living on the beach that he is planning to move into a tent on Mustique with his wife, a lady-in-waiong to Princess Margaret, to keep his running costs to a mini-

mum. "He's had several face-lifts," confirms Emma Tennant, his halfsister. Glenconner (right) turned Mustique, a barren, mosquito-ridden rock, into a holiday camp for the jet-set and Princess Margaret in the Sixoes. But in the Seventies he flogged most of the island for peanuts and moved into the hotel industry in nearby St Lucia with a bunch of Arabs.

But they quarrelled and he was bought out. "He has that terrific imagination of the aristocrat but no business sense," says an observer. "He virtually gave Musoque away." His state is so wobbly that during the Edinburgh Festival he performed with a gaggle of Caribbean fire-eaters and limbo dancers to raise a bob. When I tried to call him in Mustique, his phone was

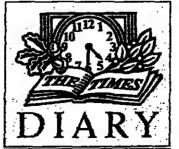
• A TEAM apeing Paul Gas-coigne and co is forming. The been scouring London parks for a GEORGE BEST has had a hard been scouring London parks for a night. The thirsty former footballer



Stage invites "big fat lardy-boys eating pies and supping 15 pints a night, who do more dribbling with mouths than feet" to join a Mid-dlesbrough XI. Lookalikes of Jimmy "five bellies" Gardner, Gazza's thoughtful sidekick, are welcome.

Song of life

HOW embarrassed is George Michael about his arrest for lewd



suitable pitch to record a new video for his next single, Outside. Its lyrics give a whole new meaning to public service: "Let's go outside in the moonshine/ Take me to the places I love best/ And yes I've been bad! You see I think about it all the time/ I'd service the community (But I already have you see)/ I never really said it before."

 JOHN MAJOR has been replaced by a board. Carlton Club visitors vesterday saw a portrait of Major hanging lopsided. Fears that Thatcherites had made a violent gesture have been allayed. "He was displayed downstairs, but we need a new noticeboard."

Worst of times GEORGE BEST has had a hard

says he was having a quick drink with his son Calum in his Chelsea local, The Phene Arms, "when the doors burst open and a dozen blokes charged in and set about us". Besty tells me: "I think it's the price of fame. Who wants to attack a 17-year-old because his Dad once played for Manchester United?"

Calum, who t presume was on soft drinks, was unharmed, but Best received "a kaleidoscope of bruises". Further domestic problems: the young Mrs Best, Alex, "fell over" and broke her arm working in the new marital flat and is in hospital. A bottle of vodka to speed Besty and his folks to recovery.

• Peter Temple-Morris knew he should defect to Labour after be-



ing handbagged 20 years ago: "I published a pamphlet on abolishing the hereditary principle," he writes in Tribune. "Thatcher wheeled around: Peter, I have read your pamphlet, and marched off, handbag in hand. I did not see a happy future in the party."

Party poopers IT WAS to be William Hague's triumph - ensnaring lots of political virgins. He proclaimed a target of about 150,000 young members but an internal memo being tossed

around Central Office, a copy of which has come my way, discloses that new members under 36 total a paltry few hundred. Tory Central Office is disinclined to make the figure public: "We don't have that in-formation." Handy, that.

 CLAUS VON BULOW has been signed up by The Catholic Herald as a book reviewer. The dandy, who won an appeal against a conviction for trying to murder his wife. specialise in histories. "He's rather good." I am told. "He is one of about ten Danish Catholics."

Private role

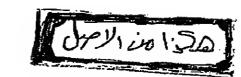
SOPHIE WARD (above) is to come out to her peers. The actress left her



husband for a muscular female with whom. cleverly, she now plans to have a baby. She will unburden herself to the first meeting of the sexuality section of Equity. Open only to thespians, the evening at the YWCA in Holborn will discuss the "interests of leshian, gay, bisexual and transsexual members". I am told: "They will be discussing issues of portrayal. After all, even Coronation Street has had a transsexual character." Me thinks I'm busy that night.

Jasper Gerard

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MADISON'S MOMENT

Key decisions for Congress as impeachment looms

The United States boasts the world's oldest and shortest functioning national constitution. That brevity has been the reason for its longevity and is the effective secret of the American Constitution. The language combines high principle with considerable ambiguity. That has allowed each generation the opportunity to recast those words to suit the temper of its time. The fundamental tenets that James Madison and the other founding fathers imparted are as powerful today as they were in the 1780s. In that sense, Americans enjoy a living Constitution. The application of Madison's document is. though, a matter of some flexibility.

This is perhaps especially true of Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution. This states. in a simple fashion, that "The President, Vice-President and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." That phrase combines some specific offences with the open-ended notion of "misdemeanors". The meaning of that term will shortly become the centre of Washington political speculation. The President's legal team has already claimed that a report - that it has not yet had the opportunity to read - could not represent grounds for President Clinton's impeachment.

There will be few outside the White House who can accept such a contention. The moving spirit of Madison's text is that public officials should be removed for abuse of office. There can be little doubt that perjury and obstruction of justice, even in the context of a sexual liaison, fall within this definition. It will not help Mr Clinton if he complains that Franklin Roosevelt or John Kennedy conducted adultery without legal sanction. They were never asked to tell the truth on oath about these matters before a grand jury. The President needs to contest the facts,

if he can, not take on the Constitution. The House of Representatives must now decide what to do with the report and boxes of material that Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, has placed in their possession. This is a solemn occasion that must be shorn of all partisanship. Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House, has made an excellent start with the tone he has adopted. He is surely right to seek the release of the central Starr tome to a wider audience. That is much better than the thousand leaks that would have followed if he had taken any other decision. The public has a right to know what it is that Congress is considering.

The central issues for the House now are those of procedure and timetable. The Judiciary Committee will now review what they have received and make more of it available. They will then devote the remainder of this session - which was expected to end in little more than a month - deciding whether to ask the full House to vote on impeachment. That debate cannot realistically take place with mid-term elections in November as the backdrop. Nor can the question be delayed until the new Congress comes together in January 1999. The Speaker will have to be prepared to ask his colleagues to return to their duties shortly after the electorate has spoken.

Even if matters proceed smoothly. American public life will be paralysed in the interim. Neither domestic nor foreign policy can be conducted as usual. The impeachment mechanism might take a number of months to run its course. If the President can demonstrate that the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice are false, and do so in a manner that does not rely on incredible legal constructions, then he is entitled to remain in the White House and fight his corner. If he cannot, he would spare the United States and the world an appalling ordeal if he preempted such events with his resignation.

TRAPPIST TORIES

Conservatives for monetary union should speak up or shut up

Tories who support the single currency adopted a new tactic this week: to abstain from the debate. William Hague's decision to hold a snap ballot of all Tory members on the issue challenged the single currency's enthusiasts to make their case. For years by many Tories throughout the country, and must be reflected in Conservative European policy. But instead of picking up Mr Hague's gauntlet to prove this, they have walked away in a sulk, damaging their cause and credibility.

The supporters of monetary union justify their strategy of non-cooperation in a number of ways. Their tenuous excuses smack of a schoolboy's forged sicknote. Sir Edward Heath claims that Mr Hague is trying to get "his own way without proper discussion within the party". Sir Edward must have slept through the years of noisy internecine warfare that lost his party the last election. Far from there being too little debate, there has been too much. It has raged ever since John Major returned from Maastricht. The arguments for and against Britain's membership have been played out so often they have become the Tories' golden oldies. A clear victory for Mr Hague will allow the Tories a belated "proper discussion" about other important issues, such as welfare reform, the constitution, the family.

The next excuse of the single currency's supporters is based on party loyalty. The ballot's result is a foregone conclusion, they argue, as no loyal Tory would vote against the leadership. This will indeed be the case if there is no campaign to spell out the benefits of the single currency. Kenneth Clarke claims that he "prefers campaigning against the Labour Party than members of my own party". Yet many Conservatives think Mr Clarke is on thin ice to don the mantle of party loyalist: his mischievous and vociferous support for the single currency during the last Parliament rocked the Major Government on a number of occasions. If Mr Hague's policy receives overwhelming support, will the former Chancellor continue to tour the television studios to attack the party's position?

The ballot will not, as the former minister fan Taylor claims, "lock in divisions within the party". It is likely to prove what many who have forced their views upon Conservative European policy, represent a minority of Tories. Mr Hague could legitimately claim that these differences will only be "locked in" if his opponents choose to highlight them.

The most valid criticism is that Mr Hague's ballot will not end the debate over the single currency. The Tory leader is indeed wrong if he believes the the result will ensure that Tory divisions are "a legacy of the past". But this does not mean the referendum is a worthless exercise. A good win for Mr Hague will give him the authority needed to claim that he, not Mr Clarke or Michael Heseltine, speaks for the majority of the Tory party.

Advocates of EMU are afraid of this outcome. They are pinning their hopes on a low turnout, so they can argue that the ballot was unrepresentative, thereby giving Mr Hague a pyrrhic victory. This strategy will backfire. They will be accused of lacking the courage of their convictions. If they dare not even put their views to their own party, why should the public listen to them?

Refusal to participate in this debate is the worst course that Mr Clarke, Mr Heseltine and Lord Hurd of Westwell could take. If they care about principle and party as much as they claim, if they believe Mr Hague's opposition to a single currency is misguided, they should enter the fray. If they fail to do so, and then continue to snipe at Mr Hague's policy from the back benches and boardrooms where they now lurk, they will deserve any scorn Tories will heap upon them. To adapt Gaitskell, they plan to abstain and abstain and abstain for the party they love. This is hardly an honourable strategy for the big beasts of the Tory jungle.

HARD SCIENCE

Experiments in the laboratory of the future

This week the British Association for the Advancement of Science is holding its annual festival in Cardiff. The usual complement of uncoventional snippets are emerging: atavistic tortoises could trot, apparently; and a magnetic man is trying to prove the paranormal by picking up metal with his forehead. But the festival also provides a more serious forum for a rational analysis of ideas. This year scientists are debating with the public about the development of genetically modified foods and exploring ethical and environmental issues. Professors may wince at a vulgarisation of

their life-work. But they must grin and go on, recognising that the prime purpose of the festival is to restore excitement to science. For too many years scientists have been dismissed as lacklustre boffins who, when it came to style or panache, made the general public look like the Bloomsbury set. For too many schoolchildren the teaching of science has been a laboured progress through arid realms strewn with the bleached bones of discarded theories. Only through expanding public understanding can the true challenge or alarm of scientific discovery be

reanimated.

At the British Association festival in 1851. an established ethos was shattered by an argument over Darwinian evolution between Bishop Wilberforce and Thomas Henry Huxley. Men who went to bed believing themselves superior spiritual beings awoke the next morning with the knowledge that they were only developed apes. Since then Darwinian theories have informed most understandings of society and its structures.

In the present day, a scientific spokesman such as Richard Dawkins performs a similar function. He may be criticised for his aggressive stance against religion, but by inflaming animosity or inspiring accord, be sharpens the cutting edge of dialogue. Knowledge does not arise from spontaneous intuition. Questions cannot be adequately answered by instinct or emotion. Understanding arises from a balance of scientific appraisal and philosophical judgment. To foster a public understanding of science. therefore, is not simply to encourage an enriching enthusiasm, but to equip a generation to tackle the practical problems and moral dilemmas it will face in the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Menace of 'toxic' spread of bracken

Healthcare under attack in Kosovo

From the Chairman of the British Medical Association Fthics Committee

Sir, There are daily press reports of arrests, disappearances and killings in Kosovo. No reasonable observer can be in any doubt that ethnic cleansing is taking place. What people may not realise is that the assault on human rights stretches into every aspect of daily life, including people's access to healthcare.

The British Medical Association has a long-standing commitment to monitor and expose human rights abuses, particularly where these affect the healthcare of populations, or restrict doctors' freedom to practise. Last week, the BMA received an

authoritative report from the Johannes Wier Foundation, a Dutch medical group for human rights, following a visit to Kosovo. The report details the effects that gross breaches of medical neutrality, and a policy of segregation of healthcare, have had on the health of ethnic Albanians.

The Serb authorities have dismissed Albanian health professionals. which means that ethnic Albanians now have access only to an informal health system, staffed largely by volunteers. They can provide at best a paichy, and at worst a severely substandard pattern of care. The report also documents the disappearance of doctors who have treated war casualties, particularly the Kosovo-Albanian military, and the detention of a prominent medical member of the local Red Cross. These actions are in contravention of the four Geneva Conventions and their additional protocols, and should be deplored.

There is a serious lack of effective monitoring of breaches of medical neutrality, both in Kosovo and else-where. The BMA has, with other health and human rights organisations, called for the establishment of a UN Special Rapporteur on the Integrity and Independence of Health Professionals.

Meanwhile, the BMA urges the UK Government, as a member of the United Nations and the European Union, to ensure that these abuses of human rights are confronted, and those responsible brought to justice.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WILKS Chairman, BMA Ethics Committee. British Medical Association,

Tavistock Square, WCIH 9JP. September 9.

Advising the monarch

From Ms Harriett Perry Robinson

Sir, Tim Hames Ireport and article, September 7; see also letters. September 9] would make the monarchy not the people's voice but the Governmeni's poodle. He seems to want to replace the "minor aristocracy" in the Royal Household with a fashionable coterie of his own.

The Royal Family have shown themselves recently much more responsive to popular feeling than has any recent elected government. The Royals are the archetypal crossbenchers. If reform of the House of Lords is to be carried through on party lines it is crucial that the monarchy retains its powers and the Royals choose their own advisers.

Yours faithfully, HARRIETT PERRY ROBINSON. 34 Freshfield Street.

East Sussex BN2 2ZG. September 7.

From Mr F. M. M. Steiner

Sir, The idea of a plebiscite on the successor whenever a reign comes to an end is impracticable. One of the great advantages of hereditary monarchy is the automatic, immediate and wholly predictable succession "The King is dead; long live the

To introduce uncertainty and delay through an inevitable hiatus makes nonsense of the whole system unless that is the real aim of the authors of the Demos report. Neither do they seem to have dealt with the embarrassing position of a head of state sworn in after approval by a referendum, with a sizeable minority of anni votes.

Yours faithfully, F. M. M. STEINER, 5 Chapmans Lane, Deddington, Banbury Oxfordshire OXI5 0SU. September 7.

Safety in the air

From Sir Malcolm Field, Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority

Sir, In your leading article of September 2 you state that the West Drayton air control centre has "recorded too many near misses and air incidents for safety" (see also letters, September 4). In point of fact, our assessment of the number of risk-bearing aircraft proximity incidents in which system failure or an error by one of our controllers was a causal factor is 16 in 1996, ten in 1997 and eight so far this year.

I would also point out that UK air traffic control is not responsible for the majority of the flight delays suffered by passengers arriving at or leaving UK airports - fewer than 7 per cent of those during June were attributable to UK restrictions. Progress has the pace by providing substantial grants to remove deep bracken and introducing mixed tree plantings, with the emphasis on deciduous species. Parallel grant schemes are

carcinogenic. It poses health risks to animals, both wild and domesticated (proven), and possibly to humans (not yet proven, but research continues) during the sporing period from approximately August 20 to approximately September 21. Bracken areas health risks and easing the burden for are best avoided between these dates. future generations. and anyone who has to enter them at that time is advised to wear a simple

and ingestion of spores. We await the delayed arrival, early in 1999, of the agri-environment scheme which includes grants for

face-mask which will avoid any intake

From Professor Emeritus Jim Taylor, Chairman of the Bracken

Sir, Simon Jenkins (article, August 29)

and your correspondents (September

5) dispute the proposed spending by the National Trust of £3.5 million to

buy Snowdon. There is a better Welsh

cause, in my view, which could substantially improve conditions for

hard-pressed hill farmers. I refer to

the urgent and on-going need to tackle

the encroachment on our countryside

by bracken - a weed which curbs

traditional beauty of our landscape.

diversity and detracts from the

Bracken is not only a persistent and

obtrusive weed. It is also toxic and

Advisory Commission

bracken spraying and still requires ratification by Brussels. In the meantime, bracken advances unchecked in many areas, at rates of 1 per cent to 3 per cent per annum; it covers 110.000

hectares of Wales — equal 10 the combined areas of the Snowdonia National Park, the Pembroke National Park and Anglesey. We should be aiming at reversing encroachment, not merely reducing it. The Forest Authority has recently set

required to convert bracken zones into quality pastures. It would be difficult to identify a more deserving and rewarding cause than this for enhancing the Welsh countryside — restoring good slope-land, increasing farm productivity and profits, reducing environmental

Yours etc. J. A. TAYLOR, Chairman, The Bracken Advisory Commission, Glyn Ceiro, Dole, Bow Street, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY24 5AE.

High emotion at Manchester United

From Mr Stuart D. Kershaw

Sir, As an expatriate Mancunian who goes way back to the 1948 Cup Final, Mr Murdoch's impending purchase of Manchester United is the best news I have heard in years. Maybe, with him in charge, United can at last start punching its weight.

Over the last seven years or so, since it floated on the Stock Exchange, Manchester United plc has only been successful because the competition from other clubs, in management terms, was woeful. Now it is time to

I suspect the fans who are hostile to this takeover are the same ones who bemoan the fact that the middle classes are about to take over at Old Trafford. Excellent, I say. Where else would the management tolerate a situation where the fans cannot get a ticket, or, even if they can, they cannot see the game because people refuse to sit down? This happens every week in the North Stand.

Why would the management be happy to accommodate 56,000 people every week, when 85,000 want to attend?

Yours faithfully, STUART D. KERSHAW, Woodlands, 9 Tretawn Park Mill Hill, NW7 4PS. September 6.

From Mrs June Hall

Sir, My grandparents and parents were born in Newton Heath, Manchester, and I lived in the city as a child at the time of the Munich air disaster.

Like many people who moved away, I have continued over the years to support "The Team" in spirit, alongside the majority of my family who remain in Manchester.

After hearing yesterday's news l said something previously unthinkable over dinner to my husband. I told him I actually envied him his team. Having seen him reach the depths of despair as a Manchester City sup-

Repelling the beasties

From Mr Frank Day

Sir, The midges at Lake Myvatn (pronounced Mevat) in northeast celand (letter, September 9; see also letter. September 5) may well be closely related to those found in Scotland; but in general they do not bite, nor do they buzz like the mosquito, and they are usually only a problem for a short time during the

summer months. They tend to swarm about the head and face, and trying to fan them away with one's hand seems only to attract more of them. The secret is to raise the arm high into the air and to extend one's fingers, as the midges are attracted to the highest part of the body.

Yours sincerely, FRANK DAY (Accountant), Arctic Experience Ltd. Banstead, Surrey SM7 IPB. September 10.

been made in opening up the corridors reserved for military aircraft,

and a concept of flexible use of airspace has now been agreed by the Eurocontrol member states, although it is probably fair to say that some of

them implement it more effectively

than others. The air traffic control centre at West Drayton may be 30 years old, but its equipment systems have been upgraded several times and the terminal control room, managing traffic at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, is one of the most modern facilines of its

Finally, you allege that the new centre at Swanwick in Hampshire "may never become fully operational. This

kind in Europe.

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk porter. I suppose we can now wallow in misery together.

J. HALL 3 Wingfield Close, Ewelme, Oxfordshire OXIO 6JY. September 7.

From Mr David Newton

Sir, When any company is listed it is a simple fact of free-market economics that the share price will fluctuate and companies may, from time to time, become the subject of interest to both buyers and sellers.

People who have their heart in Manchester United Football Club could and should collectively have bought more than 50 per cent of the equity: then, and only then, they would have been in a strong enough position to decline the current advice of the board to accept BSkyB's £625 million offer and this emotional dilemma could have been averted.

Yours very sincerely. DAVID NEWTON, (Non-shareholder of MUFC or BSkvB). The Willows, Cherry Park, Balloch, Inverness IVI 2HG. zdjn@aol.com September 9.

From Mr George Edwards

Sir. I welcome the recent advances to Manchester United, and the continued replacement of football in the mainstream TV schedules with "pay per view", which I can easily avoid. I wonder if Mr Murdoch would consider bidding for the cricket Test matches, and removing them from BBC Radio 4 to a "pay per listen" station?

GEORGE EDWARDS, 20 Fairways Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 7ES. gedwards@ ismstowe-dev.demon.co.uk September 7.

Stanching the tears

From Dr D. J. T. Wright

Yours faithfully.

Sir, While holidaying in the South of France this summer, and on being summoned prematurely from my customary 20 lengths of the pool by a request to prepare vegetables for the evening barbecue, I unwittingly stumbled across the solution to a perennial

How do you stop the chopping of onions from making your eyes water? The answer? Swimming goggles.

1 offer this discovery to all future sous-chefs and, as a result, believe that the number of the world's minor irritants has now been reduced by

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, yours faithfully. DAVID WRIGHT. Yew Tree House, Longparish, Andover, Hampshire SPII 6PT. September 8.

is not true; two leading computer specialists have said that the systems are fundamentally sound. However, the time allowed for installation and testing, and for the training of staff and transition to operational service. has not proved sufficient to deal with the problems inevitable with such a

large and technologically demanding

project. We very much regret the delay: but safety has always been and remains our top priority, and the Swanwick Centre will only come into operation when we are satisfied that everything is exactly right.

Yours faithfully. MALCOLM FIELD, Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority. CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, WC2B 6TE. September 4.

Church services 'on the cheap'

From the Reverend lan Gregory

Sir, Of course the Shropshire vicar who overcharged for weddings and funerals should not have done so (report, September 9). We are all under suspicion as a result, and another undeserved black mark is added to the reputation of thousands

of diligent, honest clergymen.
It would be interesting to find out, however, how much those who were overcharged were prepared to spend on flowers, photographers, cars, printing, the reception and the honeymoon. In my experience the photographer, for example, asks - and usually receives without question - a great deal more than the £25 which I receive for conducting a wedding: and that includes the preparation visits. I would gladly do it for nothing if I thought the happy couple seriously intended to fulfil their vows, or ever

attend the church again. Most couples never return, which makes me think we are merely being used, and our services are therefore too cheap. Will there still be churches or clergy at all when their children want to enter "the holy estate of matrimony. Or perhaps marriage will increasingly be a civil, secular, provisional, unholy alliance, and jolly expensive at that.

Yours sincerely. IAN GREGORY. 18 The Avenue, Basford, Newcastle, Staffordshire ST5 OLY. September 9.

The Leach legacy

From Mr Afan F. Giflam

Sir. Jane Schopflin's reference (letter. September 4) to "that magic postwar gathering of artists in St Ives" may be valid but provides a restricted view of the town's art scene today.

As it has been for much of the last century. St Ives is home to one of the most important art colonies in Europe. With around 80 galleries, studios and shops selling original work, it is also reputed to be the third largest art market in the UK. Far from being 'defunct", the Leach Pottery is part of this scene, with Trevor Corser and Joanna Wason, who both worked with the Leaches, producing and selling work in the style of and with the same facilities and equipment which they used. In contrast, Barbara Hepworth's studio has become a static display with "hordes of people traipsing through" as your correspondent correctly observes.

The suggestion that the Tate Gallery be involved in "saving" the Leach legacy is not new, although what is usually meant is actually its commercial development as a tourist site. Few would dispute the enormous commercial success of the Tate in St Ives or its benefits to the town's economy; however, its relevance to the current artistic life of the area is a hotly contested local issue.

Perhaps the Leach Pottery buildings are a bit run down and perhaps a more lively teaching role could be developed for the site. But even if it did provide a boost to tourism, the conversion of a working pottery into another museum would do no favours for its current users or original creators, and in the long run would be of no benefit to St Ives.

Yours faithfully, A. F. GILLAM, 17 Tregenna Terrace. St Ives, Cornwall TR26 2ND.

Oxford business school

From Professor Bryan Reuben

Sir, Jeremy Dixon, architect of the Oxford business school, is quoted (report, September 4) as saying of its proposed tower: "Ours has to have a function and h will carry illuminated digital faces ... telling the time and the temperature." My recollection is that Queen's and Christ Church already have clock towers, so that leaves only the temperature as unique.

Surely the least we should expect from the school is the FTSE 100, the Dow Jones and the Nikkei indices plus the dollar-pound exchange rate. And what about the latest cricker score from the Parks, a minute-byminute update of the Norrington league table of colleges and (please) the time of the next down train from the adjacent railway station?

Yours sincerely, BRYAN REUBEN. 7 Clarence Avenue, SW4 8LA. reubenbg@sbu.ac.uk

Spirit Zone

From Mr Nigel R. MacNicol

Sir, Mr A. G. Phillips (letter, September 9) claims that the practice of counting in multiples of ten has nothing to do with religion, and the millennium has more to do with metrication.

Who then created mankind with ten digits, ensuring that from the earliest times all civilisations would reckon in decades, centuries and millennia, and enabling the psalmist (possibly Moses) to declare that a thousand years in His sight were like a watch in the night? I offer no opinion as to whether the watch was digital, or had luminous hands.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL MacNICOL 9 Church Lane, Greetham, Oakham, Rutland LEI5 7NF. September 9.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 10: The Prince Edward, President, the Commonwealth Games Federation, today carried out the following engagements in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, tor the XVI Commonwealth Games.

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Sciangor Turf Club cricket ground to watch the match between Barbados and Bangladesh, before watching the squash preliminary rounds at the Squash Centre, National Sports Complex.

The Prince Edward this afternoon attended a Lunch for the Commonwealth Games sponsors at the Corporate Hospitality Village. National Sports Complex.

Bukit Jalil, His Royal Highnes later visited the International Broadcasting Centre and afterwards visited the Club Aman cricket ground to watch the match between South Africa and North-The Prince Edward this evening

attended the South African Commonwealth Reception at the Mines International Exhibition

ST JAMES'S PALACE September 10: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regimenr of Fusiliers, this morning received Lieutenant Colonel Philip Stack upon assuming command of the 1st Battalion.

Birthdays today

Professor Norman Ashton, FRS. pathologist, 85; Mr Franz Beckenbauer, footballer 53; Sir Austin Bide, former chairman. Austri Bloe, former chairman, Glaxo Holdings, 83: Dame Mar-garet Booth, former High Court judge, 65; Mr Paul Cole, racehorse trainer, 57: Mr Brian De Palma, film director, 54; Mrs Mary Fagan, Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire. 59; Sir Bernard Feilden, architect, 79; Mr Eddie George, Governor, Bank of England, 60; Lord Gibsonsenior partner, Simmons & Simmons, 53; Lord Marlesford, 67; Lord Mayhew of Twysden. QC. 69; Mr Barry Sheene, tormer motorcycling champion, 48; Sir Neville Simms, Group Chief Execurive. Tarmac, 54: the Right Rev John Taylor, former Bishop of Winchester, 84: Mr Roger Uttley, former rugby player, 49.

Service luncheon

Kumann Regiment Brigadier A.L. Fowler presided at the annual luncheon of the Kumaon Regiment, Indian Army, held yesterday at Over-Seas House, Si James's. Lieutenant-Colonel P.J. Emerson, Hon Sec-Association, was among the

Battle of St George's Cay

The High Commissioner for Belize was the host last night at a bicentenary celebration of the national day of Belize (September 21), marked by a re-enactment of the Battle of St George's Cay (September 10, 1798), a reading by Mr Robert Hardy and Beauing Retreat on Horse Guards. Later, a recep-tion and Buccaneer's Ball took place at the Banqueting House, Whitehall. The Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Tony Lloyd, a Minister for Foreign and Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, General Sir Michael Walker, Commande in-Chief, Land Command, and Vice-Admiral A.W.J. West were among the principal guests.

Service dinner

Royal Yeomanry General Sir Jeremy Blacker Honorary Colonel of the Royal Yeomanry, presided at the inaugu ral dinner of the Regiment's Officers' Dining Club held last night at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's true Fields jor-General Sir Desmond Rice. the Regiment's first Commanding Officer, was present.

Memorial service Lord Swavthling

A memorial service will be held lor Lord Swaythling at 5,00pm on Thursday, September 17, 1998, at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pierre de Ronsard, poet, Vendome, France, 1525; Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne, Vicomte de Turenne, Marshal of France. Sedan, Ioll; Mrs Elizabeth Rowe, poet, lichester, Somerset, 1674; James Thomson, poet and author of The Seasons, Ednam, Rox-burghshire, 1700; Arthur Young, agriculturist, London, 1741; Thomas Barnes, Editor of The Times 1817-41, London, 1785; O. Henry (William Sydney Porter), short-story writer, Greenboro, North Carolina, 1862; Sir James Jeans, mathematician and astronomer, London, 1877: D.H. Lawrence, novelist, Eastwood, Notting-

DEATHS: James Harrington, pol-itical theorist, London, 1677; Giovanni Cassini, astronomer, Paris, 1712; John Brand, antiquar and topographer, London, 1806; Sir Francis Baring, banker, Lee, Kent, 1810: David Ricardo, economist, Gatcombe Park, Glouceste shire, 1823; Thomas Graham chemist, London. 1869; Anthero de Quental. poet, Azores, 1891; Mohammed Ali Jinnah, first Governor-General of Pakistan 1947-48 Karachi, 1948; Jan Christian Smuts, Field Marshal, Prime Min ister of South Africa 1919-24 and 1939-48, near Pretoria, 1950; Robert Service, poet and novelist, Lancieux, 1958; Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviel Communist Party, 1953-64, Moscow, 1971: Salvador Allende, President of Chile 1970-73, killed during a coup, Santiago, 1973. English forces under General Howe defeated George Wash-ington's troops at the Battle of

The first commuter train began regular service between London and Brighton, 1841.

Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress. with libretto by W.H. Auden, was first performed in Venice, 1951.

Dinners

Women in Advertising and Communication

Mrs Caroline Marland, Managing Director of Guardian News papers and President of Women in Advertising and Communications London, presided at a dinner held last night at Guildhall to mark the 75th anniversary of WACL. Ms Heather Rabbasts, Chief Executive of the London Borough of Lambeth, Ms Janet Suzman, and Miss Barbara Hosking, Deputy Chairman of Westcountry Television and a member of WACL, were the speakers. Among others present

Wete:
The Chairman of Baies Dorland end
President of the Institute of
Practitioners in Advertising, the
Chairman of Abbott Mead VickersBBDO, the Non-Executive Offector of
WPP Group and the Editorial
Director of Campaign magazine.

Institute of Measurement

Mr C.R. Howard, President of the Institute of Measurement and Control, was the host at a dinner held last night at Glaziers' Hall after the 1998 Thomson Lecture delivered by Professor Sir Alec-



on London Bridge, where their dioceses meet. The enthronement ceremony for the new bishop takes place tomorrow

Saintly bones pass scientific tests

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

Church news

diocese).

(Oxford).

benefice.

TO THE surprise of some scientists, but to the pleasure of the Roman Catholic Church, some of the reputed remains of St Chad. Saxon Bishop of Mercia in the 7th century, seem to be the real thing. Venerated at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmiogham for the past century and a half, at least three and perhaps five of the six human bones enshrined in the saint's reliquary come from the same individual, and he was alive at the right time.

A combination of carbondating, using minuscule samples of bone dated at the Oxford Radiocarboo Accelerator Unit, and skeletal analysis was used to analyse the bones, which came to light in 1839 in a Staffordshire house. The box in which they lay was made for them in 1665 by

Legal appointments

Sir Nicholas Phillips has been

appointed a Lord of Appeal in

Ordinary from January 12 replac-ing Lord Lloyd of Berwick who is retiring on December 31.

Mr Justice Tuckey and Mr Justice

Clarke have been appointed Lord

Justices of Appeal from October 1

They will replace Lord Justice

Hobbouse and Lord Justice

Millett, who will be appointed

Lords of Appeal in Ordinary from

Mr Justice Laws and Mr Justice

Sedley have been appointed Lord

Justices of Appeal from January 12.

They will replace Lord Justice

Hutchison, who is retiring on January 11, and Lord Justice

Phillips, who will be appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary from

West Glamorgan

The following have been appointed

Deputy Lieutenants of the County of West Glamorgan:

Mrs Ann Marilyn Harries, of

Neath: Lieutenant-Commander Bruce Charles Bagley, of Swansea; Colonel Martin Geoffrey Coulson,

of Swansea: Commander Brian

John Thorne, of Swansea.

Lieutenancy

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Jesuits. They had acquired the relies from the family who had cared for them since shortly after the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the destruction of all of England's venerated shrines. St Chad's bones had a

picaresque existence even be-

fore the Reformation: after his

death on March 2, AD672, having been Bishop of the East Saxons and then the Mercians in the Midlands, be was buried at Lichfield. In AD700, however, his remains were transferred to a new church there, according to the Venerable Bede, an early instance of such a move.

chester).

His cult burgeoned, and some of the booes were put into portable shrines for maximum availability to the faithful; by 1176, Lichfield Cathedral's endowments in-

The Rev David Bartholomew, Rector, Etton w Helpston and Maxey (Peterborough): to be Rec-lor, Burghelere w Newtown and

Ecchinswell w Sydmonton (Win-

The Rev Vivien Elphick, Priest-in-

Charge, Burlingham St Edmund w. Lingwood, Strumpshaw w

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The Rev Maggi Jones. Curate, Sydenham Holy Trinity (South-

wark): to be Vicar, Penge St Paul

The Rev Andrew Keep, Assistant

Chaplain, Cranleigh School, Surrey: to be Chaplain. Wells

The Rev Geoff Maughan, Team

Vicar, Abingdon Christ Church (Oxford): to be Director of Min-

istry. Wycliffe Hall (same diocese).

Chaplain, Costa Blanca

The Rev Rupert Moreton, Assis-

(Rochester).

Cathedral School.

cluded six shillings rent to keep a light burning at Chad's shrine, and by 1335 his relics included the head in a painted wooden box, one arm in a reliquary, some bones in a portable shrine and the remains in the main shrine. On feast days the skull would be

displayed to pilgrims. Both it and the arm have vanished; and most of the rest were dispersed under Henry VIII. The surviving bones, Angela Boyle reports in Church Archaeology, include one right femur, two left femora, one right tibia and two left tibiae.

Carbon-dating showed that the right femur, one of the left ones and the right tibia were identicial in age and could have come from the same person. The other left femur and at least one of the left

Church of the Holy Spirit, Spain

(Europe): to be Chaplain, Helsinki St Nicholas, Finland (same

Beverley St Nicholas (York): to be

Chaplain, East Yorkshire Hos-pitals NHS Trust.

The Rev Owen Murphy, Assistant

Curate. Watford St Michael and

All Angels (St Albans): to be Priest-

in-Charge, Shinfield St Mary

The Rev Richard Paget. Rector, Chatham St Mary and St John

(Rochester): to be Priest-in-Charge,

Brenchley All Saints (same

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The Rev Vaughan Roberts, Stu-dent Chaplain. Oxford St Ebbes

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The Rev Janet Russell, Curate

Vicar, Wallingford with special responsibility for Crowham

The Rev Georgie Simpson, NSM, Linlemore St Mary the Virgin and

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time Assistant Curate, Oxford St

Giles. St Philip and St James and

St Margaret (same diocese).

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tibiae must have come from somebody else. "At least two and possibly five individuals are represented: each of them belonged to an individual who lived in the 7th century," Ms Boyle says, although the sixth bone is dated too late,

The likelihood of a group of bones of identical date coming together at a later date is slim," she says, indicating that the reputed bones of St Chad have probably been together for centuries. The "extra" bones could have become mixed with those of the saint in the ground or during disinterment, In any case, the reputed relics of saints, so often dismissed as frauds on the pious, are clearly worthy of more rigorous scholarly investigation.

Source: Church Archaeol-

ogy 2: 35-38.

Latest wills

David John Joseph Bryars, of Great Glen, Leicester, left estate valued at £6,493,963 net.

Sir Colin Goad, Director of Inter-national Registries since 1980, of Ampney Crucis, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £706,992 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives. Lady Wallinger, of London SW6.

left estate valued at £519,794 net. The Right Rev Monsignor Alfred Newman, of London SW6, left estate valued at £1.270,628 net. He leii shares in his residuary estate to Brentwood Roman Catholic Olocese, Oxford and Cambridge Catholic Education Board, London Oratory Charity, Convers' Aid Society and the Hospital of St John and Si Elizabeth, London NWS.

Sir Reay Geddes, deputy chair-man Midland Bank 1978-84. director 1967-84, of London SWI, estate valued at £1,050,013 net.

Lord Dainton, Chancellor, Sheffield University since 1978, left estate valued at £212,278 net.

Reception Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at City Hall for London Borough Mayors and Members of the Executive Committee of the London Mayors' Association.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. de la Touche and Miss M. Lawton

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mrs Pamela Hughes, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, and Margareta, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lawton, of Teddington, Middle-

Mr K. Larsen and Miss F.C. Chance

The engagement is announced between Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs Øistein Larsen, of Bergen, Norway, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Chance, of Goring-by-Sea; West Sussex. Mr A.J. Lumsden

and Miss B.A. Pineda The engagement is announced between Jim, elder son of Mr and Mrs John B. Lumsden, of Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Angie, daughter of Mr and Mrs José Luis Pineda Fregoso, of Mexico City. The marriage will take place in November in Mexico.

Captain D.M. Maxwell and Miss R. Brown

The engagement is announced between David, son of Colonel and Mrs Max Maxwell, of Heytesbury, Wiltshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Brown, of Brotton, Cleveland.

Mr C. Smith and Miss N. Bond

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs L. Smith, of Hampton. Middlesex, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Bond, of Lower Dr R. Sullivan

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mrs A. Sullivan, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Samantha, daughler of Mr and Mrs D. Mr J.W.K. Taylor

and Miss A.M. Buckley

and Miss S. Tarbuck

The engagement is announced between Jeremy William Kirwan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Max Taylor, of Notting Hill, London, and Annabelle Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Buckley, of Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire.

and Miss A. Zimbler.

Mr J.E. Williamson The engagement is announced between Jonathan Exley emson, of North Yorkshire,

and Alexia Zimbler, of London. -

and Miss J.A. Dixon

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Captain and Mrs Frederick Wills: of Anton's Hill, Coldstream, Berwickshire and Juliet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wolverton Farm,

Mr R.C. Wyatt and Miss L.C. Ewing The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and West Midlands, and Lucy, daughter of Mir and Mrs Richard, Ewing, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

Marriages Mr C.F. Lawton-Smith

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 5, in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, London, of Mr Chris-topher Lawton-Smith to Miss Kir-sten Heslop, Canon William, Norman officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Andrea O'Reilly and Miss Rachel Heslop. Mr Dominic Lawton-Smith was best man. A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, London, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr J.R.S. Page and Miss J.R. Proctor

The marriage took place on Satine marriage non place on Sal-urday, Angust 29, at St Leonards, Swithland, Leicestershire, of Mr Jason Page, only son of Mr and Mrs Adam Page, of Swithland Hall, Leicestershire, to Miss Justine Proctor, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Proctor, of Onslow House, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, Canon Anne Horton The bride who was given in

marriage by her father, was at-tended by Mrs Jeremy Jeffs, Miss Elinor Povner and Miss Vanessa Proctor. Mr Peter Lefol was best

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom and the boney-moon is being spent in Indonesia.

Goldsmiths College

Honorary Fellowships will be conferred upon Professor Kenneth Gregory and Mr Antony Gormley at the graduation ceremonies for students at Goldsmiths College, University of London, today.

School news

Caterham School

The Autumn Term began on September 9, and ends on Friday, December 11. Head Boy is William Pine, Head Girl is Kate Fisher. Captain of Lacrosse — Susie Towsey, Captain of Rugby is Hafeez Lawal. Open Mornings will be held on Saturdays, October 17 and November 7. Sixth Form Onen Evening will be held on Thursday, November 19. OC Day will be on Sunday, November when there will be a reunion lunch for all 1940s leavers. Contact the school for further information. The Drama production Fiddler on the Roof will be performed on December 8, 9 and 10 and the school Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 6.

Haileybury & Imperial Service

Christmas Term at Haileybury began on September 8. The Head of School is C.J. Crauford (Fr), the Second Head of School is Victoria A. Saxton (Aby) and the Senior College Prefect is R.J.E. Walker (Tr). A.S.G. Mann IH) is Captain of Rugby. On September 12 at 11.30am there is a Celebration to mark the admission of younger girls and the 25th Anniversary of the first entry of Sixth Form girls. The Eleventh Attlee Memorial Lecture will be given by the Right Hon Michael Portillo on Monday, November 16 at 5.30pm. The Carol Services are on December 6 and 11. Open Days for both boys and girls will be held on September 26. October 10, October 17, November

7. November 28. details of which, together with information on entry and Scholarships, are available from The Registrar, Haileybury, Hertford, SG13 7NU (01992 465353) (e-mall address: nickjeehaileybury.herts.sch.uk). Term ends on December 12.

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Moreton Hall, Shropshire Moreton Hall's term began on Sunday, September 6 and ends or Friday, December II. The Carol Service will be held on Friday, December II at Ilam. Half-term will be from Friday, October 23 to Sunday, November 1. There will be a lower school producation of A Christmas Carol on Saturday. December S and Sunday. December 6 in the Musgrave Centre. The Head Prefect is Anna Wilson, her deputies are Abigail Goddard and Sarah Scarratt, The Captain of Lacrosse is Abigail Goddard. The Old Moretonians Association 85th Anniversary Reunion will take place on Saturday, September 19, in the school. All Old Moretonians and partners are invited to attend.
Please telephone the school for further information (01691 773671). Queen Anne's School, Caversham Term started on Wednesday. September 9, and finishes with the Carol Services on Thursday. December 10. Open Day is on Saturday. September 19. All Old Girls and friends of the school are welcome at the Senior School Play

The Nose on November 27 and 28.

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BRIND - In Sydney on 8th	I ≱

September 1998, to Ollver and Karen, a son, Dominic John, a brother for BULL - On 4th September 1998 to Julis Inée Yates! and Tim, their first child, a son, Thomas Edwin.

de WAAL - On Sunday 6th September to Emma Inéc Cox) 20d Edward 2 daughter, Sophie Helen. KENNEDY - On September 9th 1998, to Rachael (née French-Greenslade) and Simon, a son, Angus Potrick Maxwell, o brothe

PARR - On September 10th 1998 at St Thomas Hospital to Arabella Inée Hammerson) and Richard daughter, Imogen

PHILPOTT - On 27th August 1998 to Lise Ince Valpy) and Russell twin sons.

PLEYDELL BOUVERSE - On September 6th 1998 to Ann and James, a son, Jeremy, at Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A. ROSS STEWART - On September 4th, to Caroline (née Tuck) and Charles, a daughter, Lucy Emma Fraser, a sister for Kirsty. HITROW - On September 4th 1998 to Carolyn (née Mackinloy) and Tim, a so Adam Timothy Mackinla

DIAMOND NNIVERSARIES

COLLCOTT-BAKER - On September 11th 1938 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port of Spain, Trinidad, John to Barbara, now et

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

Veronica, 11th September 1948 - 1998. OWEN:TEBB -Congratulations to Fred and Molly of Bournemout on 50 golden years of marriage. From the family with lots of love.

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DEATHS

ADAM - Allyne Dorothy, on September 5th devoted wife of the late Ronald Adam, much loved moth of David and Jane. grandmother end greal-grandmother. Donations, if desired, to The Princess Alice Hospico, Esher, Surrey. DEATHS SHTON - Elizabeth

ASHTON - Elizabeth
Plesrepoint nee Hewitt on
September 9th 1998, after
a long buttle bravely
fought. The dearly beloved
wife of Philip. Funeral
Tuesday September 15th
1998 Service and
Interment at Holy Trinity
Parish Church Rainow ar
Macclesfield Cheshire at
2000 Family flowers only 2pm. Family flowers on Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses or Cancer Research.

BADCOCK - Julian Knighto Badcock MBE. AE. on September 9th aged 79, suddenly and peacefully in Cobhem Surrey. Beloved husband of Sophie and loving father of Ashley, Jane and Alice. Dear and respected father-in-law to Richard, David and Fabienne and odorod grandfather of Amy, Chice, Dash, Leonie, Daisy. Sam, and Henry. A Badcock MBE, AE, or Fund, c/o Cranleigh

Chioe, Dash, Leonie,
Daisy, Sam and Henry. A
unique man who will be
greatly missed by all who
knew him. Memorial
service or 2.30pm on
Wednesday 18th
Septamber of St. Mary's
Church, Stoke D'Abernon,
following a private following a private cremation. Family flower cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Lastherhead and Mid-Surrey Samaritans, 7 Church Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 SAT. All enquiries to Jemes and Thomas Funeral Directors. 01932 862009. COOPER - Mona Alice Irane Cooper nee Johnson, founder and principal of the San Toy School of the San Toy School of Dancing tor 60 years, irreless source of light low and happiness to generations of children, their families and countless audiences, left all in tears Tuesday 8th September at 10.20 pm. Service to be held at St Clements Church, Leighon-Sea, Essex Wednesday 18th September at 2.30 pm.

CRUSE - Violet Mary (Vee) on September 8th peacefully in the care of the Old Rectory, Ewhurst, Surrey. Beloved wife of the late Bishop Howard Cruse, loved by her sister Jean and all her family and very many irlends. Private cremation followed by Service of Remembrance at St Nicolas Chusch service of Remembrance at St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh at 2.30pm. Wednesday September 16th. Family flowers only but donations if wished to the Save the Children Sund add Complete.

Funerals 01483 275758.

FELLOWS - Ida Edith
1Bunny) on 9th September
1998. Much loved mother
of Selina, dear friend of
Brock, beloved sixter of
Biddy and adored wife of
the late Philip. Cremation
at Golders Green on 15th
September at 3.15, Service
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Happiaburgh, Norfolk en
29th September at 11.30.
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FERRER - On 8th September 1998, John Scott Farrier C.B.E. Pascafully in the Old Rectory. Ewhurst. Loving bushand of the late Margaret IPegl, dear father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, uncle and friend to many. The Thanksgiving Service will take place at \$1 Nicolas Church, Cranleigh on Tuesday 15th September at 8.15pm. Euquiries to Cranleigh Funerals 01483 275758.

HEDLEY - On 29th August, Olwen FRSL, sister of the late Patricia, and Dorothy

KENT - Arthur William CMG OBE oo 7th September pescefully in hospital efter o short illness. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Will be missed the many felerals grandiation: Will be missed by many friends and family. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath on 14th September at noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Lung Foundation.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

CNOWLES - Colin Henry Rylands, MD, FRCPeth, Rylands, MD, FRCPath, peacefully on September 3th 1998 aged 77 at King Edward VII Hospital Midhurst. Dearly loved and loving husband for 54 years of Cynthia (Bunty). Much loved father of Julian, Physa and Joanna, dear father-in-law of Marie.

dear father-in-law of Maria, David and Bruce, proud and adored grandfather of Tom. Nick, Sam. Amy, Matthew, Jake, Joe, Francesca and Sophie. Funeral Service ot St Mary's Church, Walberton, West Sussex 3.00 pm on Tuesday September 15th followed by cremation at Chichester (family only). No Cowers by request, Domations if desired, to Friends of St Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

LEWIS - Ruth, widow of Martin Lewis, late Colonial Service of Tangunyika, haloved mother of Christopher and Josephine, grandmother, on 8th September after a short illness, Funeral on Friday 18th September ot Si Mary Magdalene's (Parish Churchl Richmond, Family flowers only, Donations to The only, Donations to The Vineyard Project, Richmond, c/o T H Sanders, 28–30 Kew Ro Richmond TW9 2NA.

LOWIT - Elizabeth, peacefully in Charing Cross Hospital on September 9th. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium on September 17th at 11.00 am. Flowers and enquiries: Holmes & Daughters, 461 Urone Richmond Road Upper Richmond Road, East Sheen SW14 7PU Tel: 0181 397 1017

tunn - Harry H. Jr., deceased August 21st 1998 In Paris. Memorial service 16th September 1998 et 6 pm, American Cathedral, Paris, 23 avenue George V.

MARKS - The Lord Michael Marks, 2nd Baron of Broughton, passed away at home ou 9th September, aged 78, after o long illness during which he was surrounded by the love and care of his wife, Marina, his family and all those who knew him. The funeral service will take those who knew him. The funeral service will take place at the Greak Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Sophla at Moscow Road, London W2 on Tuesday 15th September of Ham. Family Howers only. Donations to the Alzheimer's Disease Society or to a charity of

IGOT - His Honour Thoma Herbert Pigot Q.C. Herbert Pigot Q.C. –
passed away on 10th
September aged 77 years.
Beloved husband of Zena
and father of Diana, Clare
and Anne. Funeral Service
to be held on Tuesday 15th
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Reading Crematorium at
11.00 a. No flowers. 11.00 am. No flow donations if desired, to Rivermend Rehabililation Centre, Oxford, C/o Tomalin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thame RG9 1AG, Tel: 101491] -

PRAKASH - Raj Shriniwas, suddenly on 6th September 1998. Dearly loved Lather of Justin. Sadly missed by his family. Funeral Service of Guildiord Cremaiorium on Monday 14th September at 3.00pm. Ecquiries 01463 5780797

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ROBINSON - Elisabeth
Frances (Betry) née Baird.
Oled suddenly oo
September 8th 1998 aged
85 years. Much loved by
her family and friends.
Fruneral service of Insb
Church Klouraig at 2pm
on Tuesday 15th
September and thereafter
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family flowers only, if
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SMITH - On September 8th peacafully of his home in Bewerley, Pateley Bridge, aged 89 years, William, much loved husband of the late Mary Smith, dear Inther of Russell and the late Stoven and loved grandpapa of Nicholes, Sebastiam, Rebocca, Thomas and Alexandra. Thomas and Alexandra. Thomss and Alexandra. Funeral Service at St. Cuthbert's Church, Patelo Bridge ou Wednesday September 16th ot 11.00am, followed by cremation. Enquiries to W.Bowers Services to the Bersaved, Hampsthwalte, Harrogate. 01423 770258.

SNOTH - Noel H., on September 7th ogod 78, previously residing In Maidstone, recently Basingstoke, Beloved husband of Beryl, father Neville, Carolyn, Gillian and Jonathan, Will be greatly missed. Funeral grusty misset, Funds to loday of Basingstoke Cremotorium of 2.15pm. Fomily flowers only but donotions il desired to The British Heart Foundation or The British Diabetic

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BOTHAR - A Memorial Ceremony for Octav Bothar Esq. will be held on Wodneaday 21st October 1998, ot the Camelia Bothar Foundation, Cowfold, West Stranger of Bothar Foundation, Cowfold. West Sussex, at 11.45am. Applications for tickets should be addressed to Lois Beckett, Trust Secrelary. Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust, Great Ormond Street, London WCIN 37H.

IN MEMORIAM -

SAMUEL - Edwin Herbert ("Neb!") 2nd Viscount. Born 11 September 1898. Remembered with love by all bis family.

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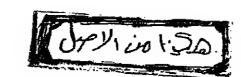
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OBITUARIES

VERNON HALL

Vernoo Hall, CVO, anaesthetist. King's College Hospital, London, 1931-69, died on August 19 aged 93. He was born on August 25, 1904.

nown universally from his student days as Sam, after the rather macabre musichall song Sam Hall. Ver-non Hall was a pioneer in the rapidly changing science of anaesthesia and a doyen of medical education throughout his career. His 38 years at King's College Hospital saw advances from the use of (sometimes unsatisfactory) ether and (often potentially dangerous) choloform anaesthetics, delivered through an open gauze mask, to methods of infinitely greater cophistication.

The 1950s ushered in the introduction of much safer gases such as trilene, while pentothal, administered intravenously, enabled patients to be anaesthetised rapidly before the gases were introduced into the process. The gains in the safety to the pacent of being put under general anaesthesia were enormous. Born in New Cross, South London,

of parents who were both leachers, Vernon Hall was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's School. Uncertain what choice of career to make, he was guided towards medicine by his headmaster, and went on to study at College London and then King's College Hospital Medical School, qualifying in 1927. He was a keen sportsman and was full back in the most successful rugby team that the hospital ever had.

After qualifying he undertook some locum work in general practice, also picking up a part-time casualty officer post at King's. His first fulltime appointment was as house surgeon to Sir Lenthal Cheatle, a celebrated breast surgeon of the day. This job included the gruesome task of carrying often poorly wrapped surgical specimens to the hospital laboratory from outlying hospitals by bus few young doctors had cars in those

Hall soon began to take an interest in teaching and also in anaesthetics. and was appointed junior house anaesthetist to King's College Hospital in 1928. In 1931, at the age of 27, he was appointed consultant anaesthetist to the hospital. This was a post



Hall: a career which saw great advances in the safety of anaesthesia

with no salary and income had to be earned from private cases done at the invitation of the surgeon, and from locums outside the hospital. Later Hall obtained a consultant post at Southend Hospital with a salary of £150 per annum for two sessions a week. Most anaesthetics were given by general practitioners in those days and specialist anaesthetists were rather rare

When the war began he worked initially at King's during the Blitz, and then joined the RAMC, in which his first posting was to Colombo. One of his first tasks was to go by Catalina flying boat to Addu Atoll, the southernmost island in the Maldives, to pick up a sick anaesthetist, a trip which entailed eighteen hours in the air as, en route, the flying boat also had the task of circling a merchant

ship to protect it from submarines. He was then sent on an even longer journey to a small tented hospital in a jungle training area near Jhansi, in northern India. This was a hazardous posting, not because of any Japanese threat, but from the presence for training purposes of a number of trigger-happy Americans, veterans of the Guadalcanal campaign. Not baving an enemy to fight, these troops were in the habit of loosing off at anything that moved, avian or terrestrial, and stray rounds were frequently whistling round the training area both by day and by night. When the Americans started taking potshots at hornets' nests, as they were apt to, the medical man was liable to find himself with his hands full.

Shortly afterwards, Hall was appointed anaesthetic adviser to Eastern Command based in Calcutta. This post involved regular visits to the forward areas in northeast India and Burma, such as Shillong, Kohima, Imphal and Chittagong, where the main Japanese thrusts had just been stemmed in the early part of 1944. Hall was then made anaesthetic adviser to Allied Forces South-East Asia, covering not only Burma but also Malaya, Java, Indonesia, Sumaira and adjacent areas.

Later in 1944 he was promoted to brigadier and made anaesthetic adviser to South-East Asia Command, taking control of anaestheoc postings in India as well as throughout South-East Asia. Keeping in contact with all parts of this vast domain was extremely difficult, and involved long, tiring journeys.

After the war Hall returned to his

consultant post at King's, and in 1948 obtained his fellowship of the newly established Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons and became a founder member of its board. He also took an increasing interest in medical student education, being Vice-Dean of King's College Hospital Medical School, 1948-51. and then Dean from 1951 to 1965. He was chairman of the Board of Advanced Medical Studies and a member of the Senate of London University from 1952 to 1962. He quickly became a witty and accomplished afterdinner speaker.

During his career he worked with many of the leading surgeons and obstetricians of his day, and was present at the births of all four royal children, working initially with Sir William Gilliatt and later with Sir John Peel. He also attended Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent and in 1960 was appointed CVO.

In 1969 he retired to north Devon where he was able to pursue his interests of walking, riding, reading and music. With the help of his wife he did much to inspire the building of the village hall at Brendon, near Lynion, and was an active member and later a vice-president of the Exmoor Society. Even after moving back to Kent, ten years ago, he continued into his nineties to travel to Devon to attend the AGM of the society.

His interest in the countryside and walking also took him many times to the famous mountaineers' inn at Peny-Gwryd in North Wales. In 1982 he published A Scrapbook of Snowdonia. a history of the inn and the sur-rounding area. His other publications included a History of King's College Hospital Dental School (1973) and, jointly with others, The Story of King's College Hospital and its Med-

ical School (1991).

More recently he wrote his largely autobiographical Reminiscences, published last year. In this book he re-flected upon changes in anaesthesia and healthcare during his working life and upon the difficulties in integrating a medical vocation with market-place economics. This was a subject upon which he felt strongly and spoke with great clarity on his 90th birthday.

He was particularly opposed to the view that doctors could give of their best while working to a strict timetable, or that an operating theatre should close for some logistical rea-son before a list was firrished.

Described by Paris Motch on one occasion as "a typical Englishman of the strong silent type", he had beneath his quiet exterior a vein of great human kindness and generosity. He was a disciplined man who liked punctuality, especially in respect of his mealtimes, and continued to dress daily in a suit and tie until the day of his death. His wife Marcia, a paediatrician

whom he met in their student days at King's, survives him with their son and two daughters.

MARGARET POTTER

Margaret Potter, romantic oovelist, died in Oxford on August 26 aged 72. She was born in Harrow on Jone 2L 1926.

established novelists could match Margaret Potter's range of published work. Writing as Anne Melville, Margaret Newman and Anne Betteridge, as well as under her own name, she produced more than fifty novels in a variety of genres, and countless short stories for collections and magazines. She traced her remarkable storytelling ability to an early stay in hospital, aged five, when she was unable to sleep and devised picture stories in her head to stave off nightmares. "I still lie awake, creating characters and making up adventures for them to enjoy or to endure," she wrote in 1994.

Margaret Newman was the eldest daughter of Bernard Newman, a civil servant, lecturer and traveller, and himself the writer of more than a hundred books, including spy stories and travel guides. She won a scholarship to St Hugh's College, Oxford, where she first learnt the value of the meticulous research which would be a trademark of her historical novels. On graduation she taught in Egypt and edited a magazine while waiting for her husband-to-be, Jeremy, to finish his own studies and find work.

Members of the Hampstead Choral Society, of which she was then secretary, would have recognised characters in her first published novel, Murder to Music (1959). This was followed by a series of novels published by Hurst and Blackett, one of which brought her Romantic Novelists' Award. She then found time for nine children's books

while, from the mid-1970s, her

considerable energy was devot-

ed to family sagas. The six vol-umes of the Lorimer saga (be-ginning with *The Lorimer* Line) first attracted a large readership to her work, her readers' loyalty thereafter evi-denced by the considerable sums she received from having her books borrowed from public libraries under the rela-ovely recent Public Lending

In these sagas, as well as in her 1990s novels such as A Clean Break and Standing *Alone*, the interest in the lead female characters does not lie



in their love life or their marriage but in their independence and determination to make what they can of challenges and opportunities,

Margaret Potter herself was full of such spirit, When she was not writing, she gardened with enthusiasm, she sang until she felt her voice had faded. she played tennis weekly and she thd voluntary work, Her husband Jeremy — magazine publisher, sportsman and author - died in November last year; they were married for 47 years. She leaves a daughter and a son.

Her last book, Debutante Doughters by Anne Melville. will be published next year by

VERONICA CRABBIE

Veronica Crabbie, CBE, voluntary worker and campaigner, died on August 17 aged 87. She was born on November 26, 1910.

VERONICA CRABBIE was Scottish chairman of the Wornen's Royal Voluntary Service and a commandant in the British Red Cross, but she will be best remembered as a pioneering campaigner for better sup-

port for single mothers. The youngest daughter of the judge, church reformer and author Lord Sands, Margaret Veronica Johnston attended St Denis School in Edinburgh and then boarded at Queen Margaret's School. Yorkshire, where she was head girl.

She then took the "Housewife's Course" at Athol Crescent, Edinburgh, and went on to chauffeur her father and provide secretarial support. An ardent love of camping. fostered by her years in the Girl Guides, led her to become a trainer and assistant to blind Guides. She retired from guiding on her marriage to the Edinburgh stockbroker, Par

Crabbie, in 1938. She worked as a Red Cross VAD (naval), and later recalled the strict discipline at the Royal Naval Hospital. Chatham.

On moving on to the RN Hospital, Haslar, near Ports-mouth, she found the handson approach more rewarding. She retired from the Red Cross in 1942 on the birth of her second child, by which time she was a commandant.

Veronica Crabbie joined the committee of the Edinburgh Home for Mothers and Infants at Claremont Park in 1947, a natural progression from her voluntary work at the Children's Shelter in the city's Meadows, which she had begun when aged 20.

She was also a member of the Edinburgh Children's Welfare Group. She was appointed chairman of the Claremont Park committee in 1952, and remained in the post for 14 years until she took the chair of the Scottish Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, now the Scottish Council for Single Parents.

In 1955 she had been a founder member of the Edinburgh Children's Home Organisaoon, which represented several voluntary homes in the city. On joining the Women's Royal

Voluntary Service in 1960 she

was appointed children's welfare officer for southeast Scotland, and later she took over the same post at Scottish head-

quarters. She became Scottish vicechairman in 1966, before beig elected to the chair in 1972 She retired in 1977.

Following her 50 years and more of voluntary service, she embarked on an Open University degree, having always felt cheated out of the chance of higher education when she

was younger. She graduated in 1982 at the age of 72. Her tutor was the SNP leader and MEP for North-East Scotland, Allan Macartney, who was a distant relative and who died last

month. She and her husband were avid curlers, and she was past president of Edinburgh Ladies Curling Club. She was appointed CBE in

1976, but felt some regret that the citation mentioned only her WRVS work: she felt that her work with the Scottish Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child had been more important.

Veronica Crabbie is survived by her husband and

The state of the s

Charlie Feathers, rock'n'roll singer, died in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 29 aged 66. He was born on June 12, 1932.

CHARLIE FEATHERS was present at the birth of rock'n roll. He co-wrote Elvis Presley's first hit, I Forgot To Remember To Forget and, although his own commercial success was limited, over the years he grew into something approaching a legend as new generations rediscovered the early rockabilly music of which he was a pioneer and lionised anyone who had shared a studio with the original rock'n'roll heroes. As a result, his influence was far greater than his own record sales would suggest, and his popularity seemed to undergo at least one revival per decade

Raised on a tenanted farm near Holly Springs, Mississip-pi, as a boy Feathers sang in church and listened to country music on the Grand Ole Opry radio show. He heard blue grass performers such as Bill Monroe when they passed through nearby Hudsonville their daughter and two sons. | and was taught to play the gui-

throughout a long and varied

CHARLIE FEATHERS

a rockabilly sound that veered

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Yet, despite such an appar-

ently limited set of achieve-

ments, the Feathers cult grew,

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oon with such giants as Pres-ley, Perkins and Lewis. He re-

corded an album for the Bar-

relhouse label in 1968 that in-

troduced him to a new set of

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time.

tar by a black sharecropper named Junior Kimbrough. In 1948 he left home to work with his father on an oil pipeline in Texas, playing his guitar by night in local saloons in a basic country style.

He married at 18 and moved to Memphis in the early 1950s, working variously as a truck driver and factory hand. Yet he spent as much time as he could hanging out at Sam Phillips's Sun Studios, where he got to know such blues musicians as Howlin' Wolf as well as the teenage hopefuls Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. The exact nature of Feath-

ers's contribution to the emergence of the rockabilly sound which became Sun's trademark is disputed. Certainly, his background in country music and his acquaintance with black music meant he was perfectly positioned musically, but extravagant claims he made over the years to have arranged all of Elvis Presley's material, and to have given Lewis the idea for his pumping piano style, need to be taken with a pinch of salt. His early demo of I Forget To Remember To Forget became a hit for Presley but Feathers's only record on Sun under his own name, a country number called Defrost Your Heart. was released in 1955 some

months after Presley's debut. Sun rejected Feathers's next song. Tongue Tied Jill, and he took it instead to the Meteor label, enjoying a local hit. It was to remain his best-known number. He next moved to King Records in Cincinnao. who attempted to sell him as their answer to Presley, but before long he was back working with Phillips cutting demos and doing studio work. He continued to make records for a number of small labels throughout the late 1950s and early 1960s with his country



Charlie Feathers (with guitar) and members of his 1950s group, the Musical Warriors British rockabilly revivalists

such as Dave Edmunds, and

Feathers briefly enjoyed per-

haps the most popular spell of

his career. Although he was

never one who could be ac-

cused of false modesty, even

Feathers must have been mild-

ly surprised to find himself

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Rainbow Theatre and record-

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A compilation album, Rock-abilly Mainman, in 1978

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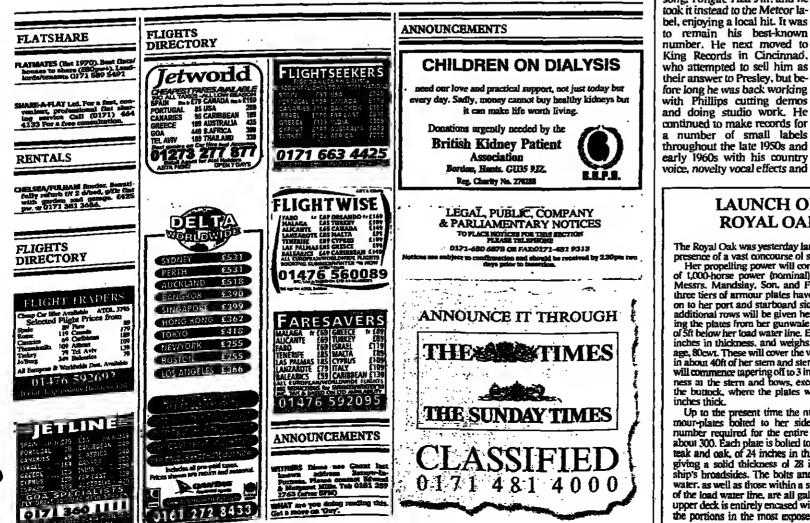
collection entitled The Living

Legend signalled yet another

revival of interest. The 1991 al-

label, Harvest.

PERSONAL COLUMN



LAUNCH OF **ROYAL OAK**

The Royal Oak was yesterday launched in the presence of a vast vencourse of speciators.

Her propelling power will consist of a pair of t,000-horse power (nominal) engines, by Messrs. Mandslay, Son, and Field. Already three tiers of armour plates have been bolted on to her port and starboard sides, but three additional rows will be given her, thus carrying the plates from her gunwale to a distance of 5ft below her toad water line. Each plate is 4 inches in thickness, and weighs, on an average, 80cwt. These will cover the vessel to with-in about 40ft of her stem and stem, when they will commence tapering off to 3 inches in thick-ness at the stern and bows, excepting under

Up to the present time the number of armour-plates bolted to her sides is 70, the number required for the entire vesset being about 300. Each plate is bolted to a backing of teak and oak, of 24 inches in thickness, thus giving a solid thickness of 28 inches to the ship's broadsides. The bolts and nuis under water, as well as those within a short distance of the load water line, are all galvanized. The upper deck is entirely encased with plate iron, the portions in the most exposed part being

the buttock, where the plates will only be 2

ON THIS DAY **September 11, 1862**

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The launch of Warrior, Britain's first iron-clad warship in 1860, began a rogramme of naval expansion. Royal Oak was one of six iron-clads constructed in the 1860s.

covered with 5/8ths inch iron, and in the other parts and inch, the whole firmly rivetted and polted together, and covered with the ordinary planking secured to the iron beams by nuts and screws. She will carry her entire ar-mament, with the exception of a 110-pounder Armstrong at het stem and stern, on her main deck, the portholes being unusually small, their height being 3ft 10ins, and width 2ft. Her embrasures, however, are so formed that the guns will have a play of 32deg in each direction, thus working in a radius of 64 deg.

The main and lower decks will be ventilated.

ed on an improved system, the invention of

Captain Fanshawe, Superintendent of Chatham dockyard, it is intended to sheath the bottom of the Royal Oak with a new de-scription of metal, or rather combination of metals, according to the plan proposed by M. Mogle, chief officer of the metal mills at Chatham dockvard.

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bum Charlie Feathers includ-

ed a reworking of his classic I Forgot To Remember To For-

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leased 1950s demos, under the

otle Tip Top Daddy, created

yet another mini-revival which led to a lavish and defm-

itive double CD restrospective,

Get With It, released only six

He continued working al-

most unoi the end. playing rock'n roll classics in a band

which included his son Bubba

and daughter Wanda. He is

survived by his wife Rose-mary, and by two sons and a

The launch was appointed to take place at a quarter before 2 o'clock, by which hour Miss Fanshawe, the daughter of Captain Fanranshawe, having been conducted to the bows of the ship, the stem of which was ornamented with a large bough of oak, dashed the bottle of wine against her bows, and immediately after severed the silken cord which held the last logshore. Contrary to general expectation, however, the Royal Oak, like the Mersey, the last vesset built on the same slip, obsti refused to move.

This arose, probably, from too many blocks having been left under her, the calculation being that her enormous weight would render this precaution necessary. About a quarter of an hour, therefore, was spent in removing the extra blocks: after which three powerful hydraulic presses, one of which was placed under her forefoot, and the others at each of her at 2 o'clock the huge vessel glided easily down the launching-ways into the harbour, arnid the cheers of the speciators, the band playing

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

The Net closes on Clinton after Starr delivers explosive verdict

■ The report that could end the Clinton presidency was set to be disclosed to the world on the Internet as pressure grew for Bill Clinton to resign or face impeachment. The sexually explicit report, by the special prosecutor Kenneth Starr, is understood to allege that he is guilty of perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering and abuse of power.

Hillary Clinton was sticking to business as usual, with an exhausting programme which may prove not just a distraction but a shrewd foundation for a political career of her own.

Members of Congress met in the early hours to find a way of handling the 445-page report. Newt Gingrich, House Speaker. urged members to "abstain from language which is personally abusive to the President"Pages 1, 2, 3, 5, 22, 23

Arsenal bid talks

The television company Carlton Communications was in takeover talks with Arsenal. The Premiership champions could be worth less than half the £623 million BSkyB agreed to pay for Manchester United Pages 1, 5, 52

Meat for needy axed A scheme that gave the poor and homeless free supplies of meat from the European Union beef

mountain has been axed by the ...Page 6 Government .. **Uister army cuts** The Government is planning

swift and extensive demilitarisation in Northern Ireland to encourage the IRA disarmament that must start soon if the peace process is to succeedPage 6

Viagra bill 'only £50m'

Viagra is to be sold to the NHS at £4.84 a tablet when it is licensed next week, meaning a total annual bill of about £50 million, the manufacturer saidPage 8

Fatal navy drill

A sixth-former drowned unnoticed under a liferaft while pupils above him continued a sea-survival exercise supervised by Royal Navy specialists......Page 9

Weekend jails plan

Minor offenders could be allowed to keep their jobs and serve their sentences at weekends, under ideas from MPs to ease pressure

MPs oppose TA cut

The Government's plan to cut the size of the Territorial Army by more than a third was condemned by MPs as shortsighted and misconceived Page 14

Diagnosis revolution A breath test that allows doctors to diagnose common illnesses without having to wait days for blood or urine sample results could be available within two

... Page 15 New test plan for BSE Government advisers have recommended new tests for cows that appear healthy but may be

carrying the agents that cause "mad cow" disease...... Page 16 Yeltsin compromises

President Yeltsin bowed to parliament and selected his former Foreign Minister to be Russia's next Prime Minister Page 17

Pope blesses menu

The Vatican gave its blessing to a millennium menu for visitors to Rome in 2000 that will include medallions of beef à la cardinal. Sistine Chapel mushrooms and pilgrims' pudding Page 17

Vote on test ban

Pakistan summoned an emergency joint session of parliament to approve a decision to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. which may lead to the lifting of economic sanctions imposed after . Page 13 its nuclear tests

Flying dog brought down to earth

■ She jumped out of aircraft and went scuba diving, but had to end her hobbies when she fell out of bed. For Hooch is a sevenyear-old dog and the vet barred any more escapades when she broke a leg jumping off the bed of her owner. Hooch, a cross between a cattle dog and King Charles spaniel, made 53 parachute jumps and 14 scuba dives.



Keiko, star of the film Free Willy, being lowered into its native waters off Iceland yesterday after 19 years in captivity. The whale, transported by aircraft and boat from the United States, will live in a sea pen until it is judged ready for return to the wild

On the alert: The chairman of the Government's Action 2000 group has met Home Office officials to discuss what to do if private and public infrastructure goes into meltdown because of the millenni-...Page 27

BTR: Shares in the engineering group slumped 18 per cent after half-year profits fell under pressure from the strong pound and weak Economy: The Bank of England's

calls from industry to cut base rates but provided the assurance long sought by exporters that it will not Page 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 174.7 to

Monetary Policy Committee defied

close at 5136.6. Sterling's tradeweighted index fell to 102.9 Page 30

Footbalk Carlton Television, which is in takeover talks with Arsenal, has also had preliminary discussions with Tottenham Hotspur as

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the race for television riches becomes a headlong dash ___ Page 52 Cricket: Leicestershire strengthened their position on top of the Bri-

tannic Assurance Championship as they swept towards seemingly inevitable win over Essex Page 52 Gott: Darren Clarke led the way with a five-under-par 67 in difficult conditions on the opening day of

the One 2 One British Masters at the Forest of ArdenPage 52 Tennis: Venus Williams reversed an early tide of errors to overwhelm Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario 2-6, 6-1, 6-I to reach the semi-finals of the US

TOMORROW

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CRY WOLFE

his Bonfire

on life after

of the Nineties

Natalie Merchant

10,000 Maniacs

Tom Wolfe reveals

LONE MANIAC

ARTS

Week in the Arts: "Cut out the fake outrage, guys: get down to hard talking and turn the new Covent Garden into an opera house that makes Britain proud," writes Richard Morrison ..

Pop on Friday: Jack Dangers, the brains behind Meat Beat Manifesto, is the man everyone wants to .Page 36 sample

New pop albums: Manic Street Preachers release their eagerly awaited fifth album, but the new sounds are conservative and formulaic, while Marilyn Manson's latest effort is destined to be forgotten Page 37

Tragic dame: Diana Rigg tackles the title role in Racine's Phedre in a new West End staging and gets it absolutely right

Virgin birth: "We decided to change the name of the mail order business; Slipped Disc was a favourite. Then one of the girls said. Whal about Virgin? We're complete virgins at business." The final extract from Richard Branson's autobiography

Metre man: Seamus Heaney, the Irish poet who won the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature, is interviewed by Erica Wagner.....

Mirror reflections: The wild days of the paper are over; it has now become a very serious tabloid, according to its chief executive, David Montgomery

Pitched battle: "From the moment that Manchester United was floated on the Stock Exchange, the directors' responsibility was to represent the interests of shareholders rather than fans." Raymond Snoddy on the BSkyB deal....

Private lessons: John O'Leary explains how the private sector has been edging closer to running state schools ...

President Clinton is becoming an abandoned and isolated figure - a dangerous position for the leader of the free world to be in

- Il Messaggero, Rome

Preview: Nigel Havers is the new police surgeon in Dangerfield (BBC1, 9.30pm). Review: Paul Hoggart on the hazards of talking

Madison's moment

The moving spirit of the American Constitution is that officials should be removed for abuse of office. There can be little doubt that perjury and obstruction of justice, even in the context of a sexual liaison, fall within this definition.......Page 23

Fears of

meltdown

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Trappist Tories

Refusal to participate in the ballot on the single currency is the worst course that Mr Clarke, Mr Heseltine and Douglas Hurd could take. If they care about principle and party as much as they claim, they should enter the fray Page 23

Hard science

To foster a public understanding of science is not simply to encourage an enriching enthusiasm, but to equip a generation to tackle the practical problems and moral di-

TIM HAMES

President Clinton will not be lighting the White House Christmas tree this year ... I believe that he has two more weeks in Page 22 Washington ... DANIEL JOHNSON

Hildegard of Bingen dispensed advice, therapy and futurology to the greatest and the humblest: a-12th-century combination of Marie Proops, Mystic Meg and Mother Page 22 PHILIP HOWARD

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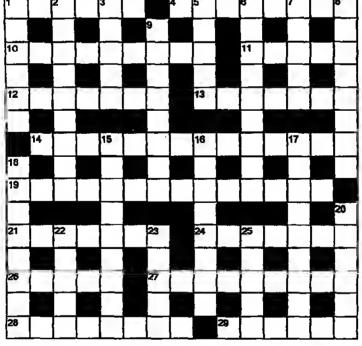
new as we suppose. The traditional French nursery rhyme. Cest la. mère Michelle/Qui a perdu son chat, ends in pussy pie.....Page 22

Vernon Hall, anaesthetist; Margaret Potter, author. Charlie Feathers, rock n'roll musician, Veronica Crabbie, voluntary worker Page 25

Medical neutrality in Kosovo: dangers of bracken; cost of church services; chopping onions .Page 23

1, 2, 9, 27, 28, 32. Bonus: 25. £3.6 million jackpot will roll over.

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- I In a disgusting fashion, com-
- pletely empty? (6) 4 Artful character leading astray lost boys (8).
- 10 Seat in bar would be unusual for him (9).
- 11 Ruminant similar to fawn (5). 12 Accountant who uses sound sense? (7).
- 13 Expert's tautology about higher degrees? (7). 14 How Nemesis pursues one - and
- 19 Ghost of KLM pilot? (6.8). 21 Animal operation requiring very large amount of money (7). 24 Explorer backed by Colorado or
- Virginia (7). 26 Creature with unusually, one horn (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20893



- 27 Carry on with words that are straightforward and clever (9). 28 English batting always to plan (8). 29 Drawing of second sailing vessel
- DOWN 1 Wrap up without a rumpus (6). 2 Standing around platform to
- voice encouragement for the fallen (3-1-5). 3 Inclined to speak fast [5].
- 5 Make uncertain moves difficult position to be left in (5). 6 Projection from speaker showing dollar with real power (4-5).
- 7 Sound of brass band lacking certain zing (5). 8 Sprinkle salt initially over dish
- 9 in conclusion, tomb is inscribed
- 15 Passes on with no difficulty (5,4). 16 Swimming race - volunteers needed to enter (8). 17 Lack of any relations? It's not
- important (2-7). 18 Naturally, greenkeeper is in charge thus (2,6).
- 20 Patriarch's kid holding the old record (6). 22 Old footballer yet to be paid (5). 23 Chap receiving little money for
- 25 Opportunity to take a breather (5). Times Two Crossword, page 52

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Argyll: sunny spells and showers. Wind fresh, NW. Max 15C (59F). Wind fresh, NW. Max 15C (59F).

Orkney, Shetland: mostly dry, some bright spells. Wind moderate to fresh, NW. Max 14C (57F).

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Republic of Ireland: sunny intervals and showers. Wind moderate or fresh, NW. Max 17C (635).

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11 1998

Fears of meltdown prompt 2000 summit

By Chris Ayres

DON CRUICKSHANK chairman of the Government's Action 2000 group, has met senior Home Office officials to discuss what to do if Britain's private and public infrastructure goes into meltdown because of

the millennium bug. The former head of Oftel, the telecoms watchdog, revealed that the Government had been preparing for a worst-case scenario after a meeting yesterday with business leaders, regulators and civil servants. It is thought that senior representatives from British Telecom, Cable & Wireless, Transco and Shell attended.

The Government also published a report by Ernst & Young yesierday. The report examined to what extent industries are dependent on each other and how a complete computer breakdown could affect Britain. Mr Cruickshank said that

he could still not give an assurance that Britain's businesses and public organisa-tions would be able to provide "normal services" after January I, 2000.

He added, however, than progress most organisations were making towards tackling the problem.

Mr Cruickshank said that one of the biggest problems Action 2000 faced was persuading businesses to share information with each other about the millennium bug. Disclosure is also vital between British and foreign companies, he said. He added that regulators could take away licences from companies if they failed to make adequate prepara-oons for dealing with the millennium bug.

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MPC sends signal on interest rate stability

By JANET BUSH

THE Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee yesterday defied growing pressure from industry to cut base rates but provided the assurance long sought by exporters that it will not raise

them again.
The MPC, announcing that it had left base rates unchanged at 7.5 per cent, clearly felt sufficiently sensione to growing fears that Britain will be dragged down by turbulence in the world economy to publish a statement. This is the first time it has elucidated on a no-change decision since il was set up 16 months ago.

level of interest rates is necessary to meet the infladon target, it recognises that the deterioration in the international economy could increase the risk of inflacion falling below the target. The Committee will continue to monitor these

The markets interpreted this as a strong signal that rates have peaked. In the British Government bond market the yield on benchmark ten-year bonds fell to 5.22 per cent, the lowest level seen since the 1960s. The pound slid to its weakest level against the mark for more than ten months oo the conviction that base rates

It said: "Although the Com- are heading lower. It was quot in the second quarter, a \$56.5 ally supported the view that mittee judges that the current ed as low as DM2.8380 from billion gap. earlier highs above DM2.86.

Far from drawing comfort from the hint of lower rates at some stage, the stock market was disappointed that there was no cut yesterday. The FTSE 100 index closed 174.7 points lower at 5,136.6, a slump of more than 3 per cent.

The City was caught in a vicious cross wind from Wall Street where share prices plunged by 2 per cent in early trading on fears of an end to the Clinton presidency.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 271 points in mid-session, further affected by news of America's larg-est-ever current account deficit

Manufacturers rounded on the MPC yesterday for not cutting rates on a day when the Confederation of British Industry's latest distributive trades survey showed that confidence in the business environment had plunged to its lowest level since the recessionary conditions of November 1992.

Kate Barker, chief economic adviser at the CBI, said: "A rate cut is urgently needed in view of the depressed outlook for the UK economy over the next 18 months - the international imcertainges should not have been a reason to hesitate."

She added: "The latest evidence on inflation has generthe upward risk to inflation is subsiding, whereas the downward risk to growth is becoming more serious."

The survey showed growth in retail sales volumes in August was at a virtual standstill for the first time since September 1995. Average selling pric-es slowed considerably to show the weakest rate of

growth since February 1995. Geoffrey Dicks, UK economist at Greenwich NatWest, said: "The zip has gone out of the high street. If there was any justice in this world, rates [would have been] cut on the back of this survey."

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Stephens sells star stable to Marquee for £2.1m

By Jason Nisse

TONY STEPHENS, the agent who represents three of the biggest names in Briosh football - Alan Shearer, Michael Owen and David Beckham vesterday sold his business to The Marquee Group, the US sports management company whose clients include Gary Lineker, Greg Rusedski and Will Carling.
The deal, worth \$3.5 million

1£2.1 million), will create one of the most powerful sports management companies in Europe, bringing together Mr Stephens, Jon Holmes, who sold his Park Associates business to Marquee earlier this ear, and Donald Dell, the former US Davis Cup captain, one of the founders of the professional tennis circuit.

Marquee has also signed up Stuart Higgins, who recently stepped down as editor of The Sun, as media consultant, Marquee is also in the midst of a \$100 million merger with SFX Entertainments, a company that owns a series of sports and entertainment events in the US as well as representing Michael Jordan, the basket ball star who is the world's highest-paid sportsman.

The deal follows the acquist tion earlier this year of APA, the sports management group founded by Alan Pascoe, the former Olympic sprinter, by Interpublic, the US marketing services giant. It makes Marquee one of the world's three largest sports management groups along with Mark Mc-Cormack's IMG and Octagon.

the Interpublic business. Mr Holmes said that as the business of sport becomes more sophisticated and affluent, so agents had to become more professional and shed their image of being dodgy dealers driving sports cars and waving mobile phones. We are almost acquiring an aura of respectability."

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Upbeat

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Rio Tinto

Rlo Tinto, the world's largest mining group, limited the fall in its first-half profits to 7 per cent. The group also attacked dealing rules on the metal market which allowed speculators to drive down the copper price. Page 32

British Gas sets sights on 3.5m power customers

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH GAS is aiming to sell electricity to more than 3.5 million customers after claiming that nearly two million people have already registered an interest in buying its power. Next week it will launch an

advertising blitz and is set to announce selling partnerships with several businesses.
Roy Gardner, chief execuove, said 440,000 people had signed up to buy electricity from Briosh Gas while a further 1.5 million said they want-

ed information.

Competition in household electricity begins on Monday although at first it will apply to only 750,000 people. British Gas estimates it will spend up to £40 a head for each electricity and the spend of the spen ed informacion. ty customer it gains through an advertising campaign and investment in its systems.

The company has held talks with Nacional Power and PowerGen about buying power sta-

electricity it sells. The generators are soon to be forced to

sell some capacity.

Mr Gardner set out his ambioons for selling electricity as Centrica, British Gas's holding company, recorded its first pre-tax profit and gave a strong signal that a dividend payment is likely next year.

The company made £90 million pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 compared with a loss of £149 million for the same period in 1997. The turnaround came despite losing £59 million because of unseasonally mild weather earlier this year. Earnings per share were 1.2p compared with a 4.9p loss last year.

BG, the gas pipeline business, is to be forced to sell its storage facilities. It has bowed to pressure from the regulator

for a gradual sale of its capaci-

ty to competitors. Tempus, page 30 | as an engineering company, re-

BTR warns of further factory closures

By Adam Jones

BTR shares slumped 18 per cent yesterday after half-year profits fell under pressure from the strong pound and weak markets in South America and South-East Asia.

The poor performance, which continues a prolonged decline in the former conglomerate's share price, prompted BTR to say it may close more factories. It is also speeding up plans to move more jobs away

from "high-cost" countries. In the past 18 months, 11 factories have been closed in the automotive division, with production capacity moved from the US and Germany to Eastern Europe or Asia. lan Strachan, chief executive, also said the return of

will be brought forward from April 1999 to take advantage of the company's historically low share price, with immediate effect. This was not enough to stop analysts downgrading profits forecasts for the year. BTR, which is now classed

ported a pre-tax loss of £45 million, compared with a £516 million profit, but this latest fig-ure includes a £407 million loss on disposals.

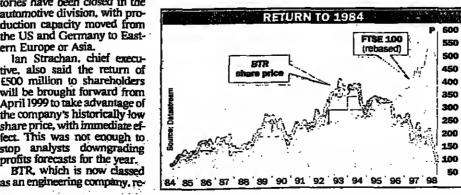
BTR's automotive, power drives and specialist engineering divisions all saw profits fall. The strength of sterling reduced the profits of the core endineering gineering activities by £20 mil-lion, compared with the first half last year.

One analyst said BTR was enduring "the worst of all pos-

sible worlds". He said the company's new strategy of being prepared to sacrifice its tradi tionally high margins is failing to deliver organic sales growth in its key businesses. Another said that the weak figures were inevitable because of global market condidons.

The loss per share of 6.3p compares with earnings of 9.1p. The interim dividend is unchanged at 4p per share.

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TUC to debate criticism of PFI

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNION leaders are squaring up to attack on the Government about the Private Finance Inidative (PFI) after John Monks, the TUC general secretary, failed to exclude a criocal motion from next week's TUC conference.

The general council - the TUC's ruling body - overruled Mr Monks as he tried to stop a motion by the Associa-tion of Magisterial Officers. tt calls for an end to the PFI and Private/Public Partnerships and for the Government to "reinstate proper capital funding to ensure the future infrastruc ture of the public services in a way which does not damage jobs and services".

Mr Monks said: "I recommended we oppose the motion but the general council decid-ed to leave it up to Congress." Some unions have urged an end to the involvement of private cash in public building. Mr Monks believes the union movement should take a more pragmade approach to the PFI and accept that some private

money is useful in govern-

ment projects. Meanwhile the TUC appealed to employees to assert their rights under the working time directive, which takes effect next month. The TUC said companies are pushing employees to opt out of new rules which will restrict the working week to 48 hours. If most people in a company which does

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Wassall launches £351m TLG bid

By Paul Durman

WASSALL seized a 25.6 per cent stake in TLG yesterday as it unleashed a £351 million bid for the lighting company that last week recommended a £321 million offer from Cooper Industries of

While Cooper considered how to respond, TLG effectively withdrew its rec ommendation by advising its shareholders to take no action pending clarification of Cooper's intentions. Wassall, a conglomerate turned investment company, is offering 175p a share, 15p more than its American rival. Wassall spent an estimated £33 mil-

lion adding to the 15 per cent stake it had built up in TLG since the start of last year. Cooper, which has varied electrical activities, has an 8.3 per cent holding. The shares ended 8p higher at

17714p yesterday. Some analysts believe that Wassall's bid is an attempt to encourage Cooper to raise its offer. Richard Dyett at

Henderson Crosthwaite said: "If Cooper comes back and pays 190p then Wassall will have got 30p more than it otherwise would have. I think it has got an each-way bet." However, Chris Miller, Wassall's

chief executive, insisted that it was a serious offer: "We want to own TLG at 175p." He said the reason Wassall had not talked to TLG during the past two months - when the lighting group was known to be discussing a takeover was that it wanted to keep its options

open, without being bound by any letters of confidentiality. Although Wassall has cash of more than £300 million, it intends to finance

the TLG purchase with borrowings of up to £150 million. It will consider bringing in other equity investors to take a stake in the acquired business. Mr Miller said Wassall believed TLG could improve its performance: it had good market shares, well-known brand names and could support "a cer-

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BUSINESS ROUND UP

Laird Group slips

41% over first half

SHARES in Laird Group lost nearly 8 per cent yesterday af-

ter the engineer said that profits fell 41 per cent in the first half of the year. Profits before tax fell to £20.5 million as Laird's

of the year. Proms before tax ict to the red. The division, sealing systems arm plunged into the red. The division, which made a loss of £3.1 million compared with profits of £9.4 million in the first half of 1997, was hit by higher than ex-

pected start-up costs at its American car body seal plant in

North Carolina. Further costs were incurred on capacity increases in France and Spain, and Laird has also had prob-

creases in France and Spain, and Laird has also had prob-lems keeping manufacturing costs down in Germany. Over-all group sales actually rose 9 per cent to £548 million. Earnings per share fell from f8.2p to 10.8p. A dividend of 5.4p per share has been declared, unchanged from last year. The shares, which had been trading as high as 479p earlier this year, closed at 19640. One analyst said: "It is a case of

this year, closed at 1964:p. One analyst said: "It is a case of jam tomorrow. They said nothing at all that was optimistic. It

looks like 1999 can be written off as well and it will be 2000 be-

fore we get any results. Their scrapping levels are far too

high, it is quite a complicated engineering process to get a seal that fits. At the moment their scrapping rate is about 50 per cent compared with the normal level of 15 per cent."

THE American subsidiary of Mitsubishi, the Japanese car maker, has agreed to a \$3 million (£1.79 million) settlement of a disability discrimination case involving 87 applicants. The deal struck with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission, is the largest out-of-court monetary settlement

of a disability case under the Americans with Disabilities Act

of 1992. The firm is to pay the applicants, who were denied employment because they were perceived to be disabled, awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$120,000.

HAMMERSON, the property company, confirmed that it

has received approaches for its Canadian business although

the shares fell 4p to 3971/sp. Ronald Spinney, the Hammerson chief executive, said: "During 1998, we have received approaches from several investors interested in acquiring Ham-

merson's Canadian business. We are currently carrying out a preliminary review of these approaches and examining the

strategic options open to the group." The statement followed speculation in the Canadian press that a deal was likely.

Peterhouse profitable

PRE-TAX profits at Peterhouse Group, the builder based in

West Yorkshire and best known for its Totty construction op-erations, jumped from £400,000 to £1.4 million on turnover

up fivefold at £33.1 million in the six months to June 30.

Earnings per share were up 51 per cent to 5.9p and the inter-im dividend is to be increased by 23 per cent to 2.1p. David

Jackson, the chairman, said that current trading remains buoyant and that the order book is strong. The shares fell yesterday from 86% to 82% p.

James Beattie better

Hammerson suitors

Mitsubishi settles

Booker spells out options

By Fraser Nelson

BOOKER, the struggling food producer in merger talks with Budgens, briefed the City on how it would cope with the future if it remained independent.

Jonathan Taylor, chair-man, said that he has a short-list of candidates who could become chief executive immediately should the Budgens talks fall through.

He said: "If the Budgens deal does not go ahead, we will move very fast." He added that talks to sell its fish processing and Daehn-feldt divisions are in "ad-vanced stages" although the sale of its Scottish salmon farms is not imminent.

Some analysts thought Mr Taylor was preparing the ground for a breakdown in the Budgens talks. which are expected to con-clude next week. Booker shares dropped 114p to a low of 140p and Budgens

held at 70p. One said: There are few synergies in the Budgens deal - if they want a new chief executive they should pay John von Spreckelsen the Budgens chief executive] £10 million and save themselves £100 million."

Michael Landymore, analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, said that Booker's balance sheet - which de-tailed cash of £106 million and borrowings of £98 million — was not as bad as many had feared.

The company's underlying profit halved to £tl.l million (E22 million) for the 24 weeks to June 13 after an expected sharp profits downturn at its core food wholesaling division. Its Cash & Cary shops saw underlying sales increase by 7 per cent, although a reduction in selling space left overall turnover down by 4.9 per cent.

Headline earnings were halved to 3.3p (6.7p) and the interim dividend drops



Riding high: Hanson's Andrew Dougal, right, and Jonathan Nichols, finance director, are on the acquisition trail after impressive half-year profits

Cornerstone gives Hanson foundations for expansion

By Adam Jones

HANSON, the construction materials group, issued an upbeat trading statement after Cornerstone, its US aggregates business, helped to swell half-year profits.

Andrew Dougal, chief executive, said Hanson can afford to spend between £700 million and £800 million on acquisitions without approaching shareholders for more funds. However he said this money would not be used for the kind of massive deal favoured by

Hanson when it was a conglomerate.

Several potential bolt-on acquisitions worth up to \$100 million (£60 million) apiece, mainly in US aggregates and concrete, are being considered

by Hanson management. Interim profits before tax rose from E47.8 million last year to £78.8 million. Although Hanson was aided by a reduc-tion in exceptional disposal charges, trading profits at Cor-nerstone rose 61 per cent to £40.6 million. Mr Dougal said Cornerstone

will enjoy the benefits of the US Federal Government's latest road building plans over a period of six years. The trans-port infrastructure pro-gramme is 54 per cent larger

than its predecessor Mr Dougal said that ARC. the UK concrete and aggregates group, will have a strong-er second half. Trading profit was relatively flat in the first half, partly held back by wet UK weather. He also said that ARC should be able to increase prices next year. Hanson said the UK Govern-

"has, on balance, improved the outlook for this part of the business, but the timing of the benefit is uncertain".

Mr Dougal said he thought the UK market for new housing and home repairs should remain stable, protecting its brick-making division, which saw trading profits fall from £20.7 million to £18.1 million in the first half. He said: "We don't see [the market] falling away but we don't see it rising." However, Hanson still faces a weak market in Belgium, where clay block prices have been hit by widespread industry overcapacity.

During the six months, Han-

son managed to rid itself of the liabilities arising from pollution in the US by signing a re-insurance deal. The cost of this will be taken in the secondhalf accounts.

Earnings per share before exceptional items rose from 121/2p to 15.3p. An interim dividend of 4p per share, the same as last year, has been declared. The shares rose from 333p to

JAMES BEATTIE, the store group, raised pre-tax profits by 22 per cent to £2.7 million on sales up by 2 per cent to £44.5 million in the six months to July 31. Earnings rose 22 per cent to 4.4p a share and a rise in the half-year dividend from 24p to 30 a share is proposed. On current trading, the company says that in August sales rose 8 per cent on the same period last year. The shares rose 54p to 1534p. Beattle sald that gross margin has been maintained and, given trading conditions, costs have been even more tightly controlled.

Doulton shares slide

SHARES in Royal Doulton fell 271/20 to a new low of 106p yesterday after the chinaware, crystal and glass company reported a 37 per cent drop in underlying profits to £2.72 million before tax. Adjusted earnings fell 4f per cent to 3.2p a share. The interim dividend is held at 2.3p a share but the company gave warning that payment of future dividends will depend on the conclusion of a business review to be completed at the end of this year. It said that its stock reduction programme, begun last year, was "an essential part of improving efficiency".

Wessex deal cleared

THE £1.4 billion takeover of Wessex Water by Enron, the American utility group, has been given the green light by Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, after Enron gave assurances that Wessex would be kept ring-fenced from the rest of the group. The conditions are to ensure that Wessex can still be regulated clearly by the Director-General of Water Services. The takeover valued Wessex at 630p a share. It is En-ron's first venture into the water business and Enron Water has been set up as a vehicle for its water ambitions.

Premium bonds win

PREMIUM bonds remain the public's most popular investment, with the sales record being broken for the second time this year, National Savings has said. Sales reached £384 million in July, breaking the record set in April. Sales exceeded E3 billion in 1997-98. On average premium bonds yield an annual tax-free income of 5 per cent in prizes, outdoing most forms of saving, but the unique appeal is the £1 million prize draw. The bonds attract serious investors - 150,000 people hold £20,000, the maximum allowed.

Yorkshire weakens

YORKSHIRE GROUP, the speciality chemical company, saw pre-tax profits drop from £5.5 million to £3.1 million in the half year to June 30. Sales fell from £65.7 million to £32.8 million because of divestments, although sales in the continuing textile dye and chemical business declined by £4.8 million. Earnings per share fell to 5.1p (8.6p). The dividend is held at 3.05p. The shares dropped from £49p to £33%p. Yorkshire said: "The short-term outlook is far from encouraging ... we are redoubling our effons to ... restore adequate levels of profitability."

Mirror Group confident about cable TV profits

MI RROR Group lorecast yesterday that it would start making a monthly operating profit on its National Live cable television

service by the end of next year.
The publisher of the Daily
Mirror also said it had signed programming deal with Heart of Midlothian, last year's Scottish Cup winners, with its City TV station in Edinburgh.

The group plans to change the formats of its City TV stations away from local news coverage to more "upheat" pro-gramming that advertisers are prepared to pay for.

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The change of direction came as Mirror Group announced an 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £49 million for the six months to July 5 before exceptionals.

Turnover rose by 2 per cent on a like-for-like basis and was up 31 per cent to £355 million when acquisitions such as Midland Independent Newspapers are included. Earnings per share rose by 3 per cent to

7.6p from 7.4p. The share price fell by 8½p to 153½p on fears of pressure on advertising yields and circulations and partly because of caution from Victor Blank, the new chairman, about advertising levels.

However, Mr Blank said: 'In the face of economic uncertainty our core activities are relatively less exposed to downside risk."

The company hoped to research new formats for a relaunch of The Sporting Life later in the autumn. Analysts now forecast pre-

tax profits of between £100 million and £102 million for the full year.

Microsoft strikes back against 'gang of four'

MICROSOFT has launched a counterattack in its US anti-trust battle by claiming its rivals formed a "gang of four" to thwart its progress.

It alleges that IBM, Net-scape. Sun Microsystems and Oracle conspired against it, using the same anti-competitve measures of which it is accused by the Justice Department. It has issued a subpoena on all communications between the four companies that mention Microsoft. They have been asked to surrender the documents by today.

Microsoft spokesman said: 'We intend to demonstrate that Microsoft competitors are doing everything the government accuses us of doing, and then some,"

The company specifically mentioned plans by Netscape, a rival browser maker, to form an industry alliance with Apple and IBM to develop technology while excluding Microsoft from the group. In the Justice Department

suit, Microsoft is accused of threatening and bullying rivals to maintain its dominant

market positions. It says its practices are common in the fast-expanding industry. In a seperate move, Oracle

alleged yesterday that it lost a contract with Digital for 500,000 network computers after Bill Gales, the Microsoft chairman, put pressure on Robert Palmer, the Digital chairman, to drop the the contract or lose its Microsoft

The anti-trust trial is scheduled to start on September 23 but the Microsoft subpoena could delay the proceedings.

The "Shell" Transport and **Trading Company, Public Limited Company** Interim Dividend 1998

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Friday, 2nd October, 1998 for the preparation of warrants for an Interim dividend for the year 1998 of 5.3p per 25p Ordinary share payable on Monday, 2nd November, 1998. The Interim dividend will be paid as a foreign income dividend.

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CBI chief calls for debate on EMU

THE recent financial instability across the world has highlighted the need for serious debate on European Monetary Union, the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry said last night.

Adair Turner said that Britain needed considered debate looking at the detailed economic arguments for and against a single currency.
Joining EMU could help ad-

dress the biggest cause for con-cern in the global economy over-reaction in the financial markets to crises such as those m Russia, he told the annual dinner of CBI Scotland.

has to be based on serious

The debate about the euro

analysis of the economic case for and against, a recognition that if going in carries some real risks, staying out will have serious disadvantages," he said.

Benefits of a single currency included a single Europeanwide capital market, transparent prices and reduced investment risks which could spur more intense competition and improved productivity.

Arguments against the euro, he said, included economic risks such as regional unemployment brought about by a single interest rate and the difficuloes of getting the UK's economic cycle in line with those of Europe.

New spirit at Allied **Domecq**

ALLIED DOMECQ, the international drinks group, announced it was restructuring its spirits business in the USA It is to combine the sales marketing and administrative functions of Hiram Walker and Domecq Imponers into a new organisation to be called Allied Domecq Spirits. USA, based in Connecticut and led by Martin Jones, previously

George McCarthy, presi-dent of the Americas for Allied Domecq Spirits & Wine said: This restructuring will allow greater focus on our core brands, while also allowing us to better service our custom-

president of Domecq Import-

Nat Express in Australian bid pre-tax profits up 49 per cent to E35.1 million. This was large-By FRASER NELSON NATIONAL Express. Britain's

largest train and coach opera-tor, is to bid for five privatised bus, tram and rail networks in Melbourne. Australia.

Roger Salmon, the former UK rail franchising director, has helped Melbourne's authorities break the transport network into two commuter train companies, two tram companies and a long-distance railway. Each new company will own its own vehicles and infrastructure, and be run on a UK-style franchise basis.

Phil White, chief executive of National Express, said:

"Any bidder can only win one

train and one tram company, so we will try for them all." If

On track: Phil White, left, and Colin Child, finance director successful, the company would sub-contract any infrastructure work.

is focusing its international ex-

pansion on Australia and the

more airports after being named preferred bidder inr Stewart airport 60 miles north Mr White said the company

of New York Shares of National Express defied the falling market to US - where it intends to buy jump 58p to 939p as it returned

ly attributed to its five UK train franchises, the profits of which jumped to £8.4 million (£1.1 million) on their first full six months with the company. Almost all improved both

punctuality and reliability. The introduction of frequent shuttle services on its UK coach routes helped the division's profits rise 54 per cent to El.6 million. A fifth of all uckets are now booked through its

new phone-in system. Mr White said that money from its share of the Eurostar contract will not make much difference to its results until

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The Monetary Policy Com-mittee has done a Greenspan, its statement yester-day for the first time acknowl-edged concern about the deteriorating world economy, just as the Fed Chairman did last week Both statements were immediately pounced on by the markets as evidence that interest rates are

on their way down. In both cases, however, the central banks did little more than ex-press sympathy for the con-demned man without any firm promise of loosening the mone-tary noose. There is little doubt that interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic have peaked, but much doubt about when the first cut will come.

Alan Greenspan was his usual balanced self last week, admit-ting that the international scene could do the American economy harm but still emphasising his concern about domestic inflationary pressures. The MPC said that a deterioration in the world outlook could increase the risk of inflation falling below target and that it would continue to monitor these risks. The wording sug-gests that, as of now, the implo-sion in emerging markets is not enough to warrant a rate cut and that things will have to get worse before one will be countenanced.

It may be that the Fed and the MPC are forced by ever-nastier evidence of disinflation and failing growth around the world to cut rates sooner than either envis-

Sympathy without solace

age at this juncture. There is a considerable body of opinion which believes that the world outlook is miserable enough to war-rant immediate action and that central bankers are being weefully complacent. Time will tell.

Although British industry was furious that rates were not cut, it should at least be grateful that the MPC bas proved sensitive enough to smell the stench outside its ivory tower and, not before time, signal that British
rates have peaked.

Its decision to speak may simply mean that Eddie George is

scared that angry out-of-work men will start marching from Jarrow to Dulwich. Judging by the fury that greeted yesterday's rate announcement, a soothing statement was the minimum required for a committee that is trying to nurture a reputation with the public. Cynics might also suggest that invoking the great un-knowables of the world economy at this stage may give the MPC a get out if the economy goes belly-up. The world economy is always a usefully uncontrollable scape-

A less sceptical interpretation is that the MPC, wilfully oblivious of world events for so long, is



finally genuinely worried. It is no-table that the statement came when the pound was already falling. Given that the Bank has been so paranoid about a precipitous decline in the exchange rate, one must conclude that it is now actively seeking a sterling depre-ciation. Nevertheless, it is still a good bet that, while talking the pound lower, the committee will control the speed of its slide by keeping rates where they are.

Retailers to get their fingers burnt

The country's latest glitzy shopping mall threw open its doors yesterday. All the familiar high street names have rushed to take space in the Trafford Centre, at rents that soar as far as £350 per square foot for the most sought after space.
It seems mean to spoil the par-

ty mood, but do they realise they are taking on these commit-

ments just as the retail scene turns really nasty? The latest survey from the CBI contains a message of true gloom. August was a lousy month on the high street, the worst for three years. On balance, the respondents are hoping for a little uplift in September. for a little uplift in September. but that is only because they reck-on that September last year was particularly depressed by shop-pers' preoccupation with the death of Diana. Princess of Wales. Even in this hope they are

mism of the breed. The grim truth is more evident in Merrill Lynch's sliced forecast for Marks & Spencer, taking prof-its back below £1 billion. Planning for the long term sees the company caught with funding large capital expenditure just as shoppers decide to cut their spending. The racks of reduced-price clothes in M&S stores re-cently have indicated that M&S. has not been immune from the

betraying the notorious opti-

difficulties that hit the high street this summer.

But things will get worse. Faced with daily news of job losses while funding increased taxes and mortgages, consumers are inevitably becoming more cautious. Sir Richard Greenbury can afford to take a long-term view al-

ford to take a long-term view, although it is commendably gener-ous of him to do so, considering that he will not be running the company when the benefits of its current expansion programme show through. Not every retailer now rushing to take space in Manchester's new mega-mall is so well cushioned.

The traditional 25-year lease with five-yearly reviews enabling the rent to move only upwards, never down, have crucified many an ambitious rétailer. There can be no doubt that this downturn will claim more victims.

Because shoppers favour the big out-of-town centres over traditional high streets, retailers feel they cannot afford not to be repre-

seoted there and so the rent levels surge in places like Trafford Park and Lakeside. But if the CBI survey is anything to go by, there will be some tenants who soon regret their enthusiasm to commit to such high levels of outgoings. And the traditional retail lease al-

A government bug warning

ows for no change of mind.

here will you be as t999 turns into 2000? Ask even the sanest and so-berest of individuals this question and the unanimous conclusion is that wherever else they may be, they most certainly will not be taking to the skies for a few days over the end of that year

and beginning of the next.

The threat of the millennium bug is now, belatedly, being taken seriously by Government.

Don Cruickshank was being coy yesterday about the content of his discussions with the Home Office but the likelihood is that he warned of the need to be prepared for mayhem. In the worst case scenario, utilities may fail to function and public unrest could take to the streets.

The Bank of England is now looking hard at the possible im-plications of the bug. While in-dustrialists fully expect it to have an effect on their activities, the Government has apparently still to factor into its forecasts any element of a slowdown caused by

the pesky creature.

The high street banks are agonising over how best to deal with the public relations side of the issue. They maintain that their sys-tems will be alright on the night but how can they get that message across without alarming some customers to the prospect that there might even be a question mark over the matter? If even a small proportion of customers take the view that they will feel happier if their accounts were empty over the crucial weekend, they, and not the bug, would wreak havoc.

Snack sized UB

UNITED BISCUITS has at last produced a set of figures that have out-performed the analysis' expectations. Eric Nicoli, the chief executive, may be saved from having to make the embar-rassing call to the headhunters, which at one stage seemed an al-most inevitable conclusion to his disappointing reign. But now the Penguin producer is on the up. its new ranges apparently hitting the spot with hungry customers. UB is reduced to a snack size version of its former self, but at least it is a healthy one.

UB exceeds forecasts with £51.2m

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

A TIGHTER focus on its branded biscuits division and increased spending on marketing helped United Biscuits, the UK food producer, to exceed half-year profit forecasts.

The group, which has been through a restructuring programme after reporting a marked slow-down in growth last year, announced pre-tax profits for six months io July is up 14 per cent at £51.2 million (£45.1 million last time). about 7 per cent higher than

John Warren, finance director, said: "We are now back on an even keel. Apart from small bolt-on deals, we're happy to concentrate on organic sales growth which we hope to increase from 3 to around 5 per

Nathan All

During the past six months the group has sold its snack foods operations in Australia and Europe and bought biscuit operations from Campbell Soup and PepsiCo.

Mr Warren said: "We are much more focused now and by investing in new plants. new equipment and especially marketing to support our brands, feel we will be able to punch much harder than our competitors."

The group has increased its marketing budget from 11.6 per cent to 13.1 per cent of sales, or £108 million.

McVitie's Group performed in line with expectations, increasing sales by 6 per cent, accounting for about two thirds of overall group sales.

UK Foods had mixed forits successful savoury snacks operation offset by rising fish prices, which affected the seafood business.

Because of the economic turmoil in the Far East, the group has also decided to close its Indonesian operation.

Turnover on continuing operations climbed 5 per cent to E825.5 million.

been increased to 3.6p (from 3.5p). Farnings per share are up 13 per cent at 7p (6.2p). United Biscuits shares rose 8p to 203p at yesterday's close.

Goldsmiths first half deepens

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of Goldsmiths fetl to a three-year low yesterday as the jewellery company said its sales growth had slowed from 10 per cent to 7 per cent.

The company's traditional first-half loss deepened from E305,000 to £588,000 in the six months to August I, which it blamed on the absence of wind-

Its shares dropped 22.5p to t87.5p yesterday, mainly on fears that it is spending too much on store openings while the retail climate worsens.

It opened ten stores over the spring and summer, and intends to open another five in the coming months. Its debt has now almost doubled, to £20.t million (£11.6 million). The company said its sales growth picked up to 8.2 per

City analysts shaved £200,000 from forecasts and now expect a profit of £5.6 million for the full year.

The interim dividend rises 9

cent over the past six weeks.

Gallaher in share buyback

By ROBERT COLE

GALLAHER, the cigarette company, is planning to buy back up to 5 per cent of the firm's shares. If it bought the full 5 per cent at yesterday's share price, the exercise would cost £t30 million.

The announcement helped pre-tax profits and news that Gallaher's UK share of the UK cigarette market dipped from 39.5 to 39.1 per cent.

Headline pre-tax profits fell from £t67 million to £128 million. Underlying operating profit was down just £3 million at £170 million. Gallaher cited the rise in cheap, illegal imports of cigarettes, and increasing tax levies, as reasons

for the slip. The interim dividend is 6.8p sharply down from 9.625p. However, Gallaher empha sised that the lower payment was part of a readjustment of the way the dividend payment was divided.

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Marston in talks with Nomura International

BY OUR CITY STAFF

MARSTON. Thompson and Evershed, the brewer and pub owner, is in talks with Nomura International about the se-curitisation of its 600 tenanted

Analysis estimate Marston could raise as much as £100 million through the deal. Nomura has developed a niche in taking pub companies down the same route. The statement from Marston

group's share price. The shares leapt 42½p to a high of 251p in speculative trade before closing at at 224p. Marston declined to say what it plans to do with cash raised hy securitisation. There was speculation the deal could free the brewer to make acquistions. Nomura now owns around 10 per cent of Britain's pubs, after the £1.2 billion acquisition of the Inntrepreneur and Spring Inns chain of pubs in September 1997 to form the

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MICHAEL CLARK Stock Market Writer

M&S suffers on back of probable profits reverse

about to suffer its first profits setback in more than 30 years. The blue chip retailer fell 20p to 474p on turnover of 8.5 million shares as at least three brokers downgraded their profit forecasts.

Merrill Lynch has cut its forecast from £1.06 billion to less than £1 billion. That compares with the pre-tax profit of £1.16 billion in the year to March 31 1998. The broker has also cut its numbers for 1999 from £1.15 billion to £1.04 billion.

Rival HSBC cut its estimate from £1.05 billion to £1.02 billion while Credit Suisse First Boston is reckoned to be

looking for only £1 billion.
A spokesman for M&S said he could not recall a time in the past 30 years when the group's profits had fallen. But e added: There has probably never been a time when we've been spending so much money growing the busi-

Last year M&S spent £197 million on buying 19 outlets from Littlewoods. "We are planning for this business in the long term, and we're not expecting to see full return on the investment we've made until 2000 or 2001."

Share prices generally closed just above their lows of the day with dealers fearing that the London market will soon be testing the 5,000 level. It followed the decision of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee to peg rates and further sharp opening

The FTSE 100 index tumbled 174.7 to close at 5,136.6 with the FTSE 250 index down 59.9 at 4,751.8. Total turnover topped one billion shares. In what is seen as a defen-

sive move, Cazenove, the broker, has been tipping the utilities. It likes Yorkshire Water, up 4½ p at 490p, United Utilities, 3p better at 868p. Scottish Hydro, 19p higher at 603p, and Southern Electric. up 17p at 608p.

Peter Mandelson, Trade and Industry Secretary, has given the go-ahead to Enron's El.4 billion bid for Wessex Water. The shares celebrated

with a rise of 36p at 6252p.

BAT Industries finally succumbed to profit taking losing 27/2p at 451/2p after its split with Allied Zurich, which has ended 83'2p down at 646'2p. Those companies that lost their place as constituents of



Roy Gardner, chief executive of Centrica, the gas supplier, which is successfully expanding into the electricity market

the FTSE 100 index earlier this week came under renewed selling pressure. British Steel retreated 2½p to 103p, with RMC Group also 24p off at 722p, Rank Group 1134p at 259p, Enterprise Oil 9p at 332p, and Lasmo 3p to 151p.

Colt Telecom, which has been promoted to the top 100, fell 222p to 6022p on profit taking. Lehman Brothers, the

US securities house, has set a target price of 930p.
Smith Kline Becebam dropped 32p to 6882p after BT Alex Brown, the broker, lowered its recommendation on the shares from "buy" to

"market perform". A return to the black at Centrica for the first time since last year's demerger was rewarded with a rise of 94 p at



IT WAS a bad day for the banks with dealers reliving their nightmares from the 1980s when the Latin American debt crisis knocked them for six.

This time it is not just. South America that is giving cause for concern. Russia and the Far East are also taking their toll on investors' nerves.

Barclays led the way lower with a fall of 106p at £11.74. It has already revealed losses of £250 million relating to its exposure

Others to lose ground included Standard Char-

tered down 262p to 442p, HSBC 66p to £11.80, Lloyds TSB 32p to 685p, and NatWest 42p to 952p. It followed the shock

news that banks such as Credit Suisse First Boston and Société Générale are being forced to write of billions of dollars because

of their exposure to Russia. Neil Fletcher at Dresdner Kleinwort Beason, the broker, urged investors to sit tight: "You don't want to sell Barclays at these levels. The mortgage banks have actually been outperforming and are seen as a defensive play." 109p — making it the best performer among the top 100. The company is holding onto its market share and has already signed up 500,000 electricity customers.

A "buy" recommendation Credit Suisse First Boston. the broker, lifted Perpetual 1022p to £34.55 after a meeting earlier in the week. It has set a target a price of £40.

It was fun and games on Ofex where Premier League champions Arsenal surged £1.100 to £4,000 on learning of the bid approach from Michael Green's Carlton Communications, 2p firmer at 423p. City speculators said any offer is likely to be pitched at about £5,600 valuing the

entire club at £275 million. The move comes just days after BSkyB, 6p lighter at 476p, launched an agreed bid for another Premier side Manchester United, 62p dearer at 222p.

Meanwhile, Aston Villa jumped 272p to 660p, with Leeds firming 3p to 194p. Sunderland 72p to 5072p and Tottenham Hotspur 2p to 66p. Alan Sugar, chairman of Spurs, has already put his 40 per cent stake up for sale.

A profits warning left AIMlisted Fibernet nursing a fall

of 53p at 338 p... Geo Interactive retreated 4p to 372p with revenues not now expected to exceed 1997 levels. Difficult summer markets are also taking a heavy toll of Ferguson International, down 6p at 39p.

GILT-EDGED: Bond

yields fell sharply on the back of a weak CBI survey and comments made by the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee after its decision to peg rates. The Government's inflation target may now undershoot after the slowdown in the world economy. Dealers say it could be the signal for future rate cuts.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt soared £1.17 to £113.96 as the lotal number of contracts completed reached 69,000. The short dated gilt also rose £0.70 to £106.50. In the cash market Treasury 8 per cent 2021 surged £2% to £139932, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2002 put on £1732 to £1042132. □ NEW YORK: The threat of impeachment hanging over President Clinton sent Wall Street sharply lower. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 217.82 points at 7,647.20.

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Tired BTR

tion, however, is not based

on the possible growth of the

business but from the in-

come it generates. That in-

price/earnings ratio may

AN analyst summed up BTR rather cruelly yesterday. He said: "If BTR was a horse, it would be taken out and shot." OK, so it is a bit of an overstatement, but investors might want to find out the number of the nearest glue factory, just in case.

The former conglomerate's shares are now trading on a multiple of about 0.7 times sales. Given that all the unwanted businesses sold since 1996 have been flogged for an average of 1.2 times sales, this appears to be a pretty damning judgment on the core activities that have been retained.

It is hard on Ian Strachan, the chief executive, who, it is widely agreed, has got a good price for the businesses he has sold. His strategy, which is not stupid, has been to move BTR away from its traditional focus on keeping margins high. He doesn't mind

thinner margins so long as sales are stimulated.

Unfortunately, in yesterday's interim results, the only sales growth from the key businesses came from acquisitions: BTR struggled particularly in Australia, its base for exports to South-East Asia, and Brazil. There are also lingering fears that the kind of margin decline that has been accepted in the automotive part of the business will spread unchecked to the other divisions.

BTR badly needs to show it can make the reformation work. Analysts, however, were downgrading their full-year profit forecasts yesterday. Expectations are that BTR's earnings per share will be 12.5p not 14.5p putting the shares on a price earnings multiple of 8.6 times. That is pitiful, but the upside, even at this 14-year low, is hard to foresee.

Gallaher

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GIVEN the challenges of operating against hostile forces mostly in the mature UK market, the company that makes Silk Cut will

struggle to grow. The company says that after years of decline, smoker numbers have now stabilised. However, long-term pressure on Gallaher's core developed market, the result of the health risks of smok-

ing, still remain.
The wide disparity in tobacco taxes between Britain and Europe means smuggling continues to impinge on performance and the imminent curtailment and abolition of cigarette advertising will make Gallaher's lfe more difficult too.

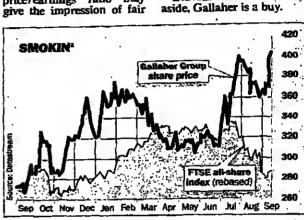
Growth, if it comes, will be outside the UK. It will not be easy to achieve although the skill and experience of

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value but the dividend yield Gallaher's management of 6 per cent makes the should comfort investors. shares look chean. The key investment attrac-

Share buybacks, made possible thanks to healthy. cash flows, reinforce the positive argument and yesterday's announcement of a 5 come given the addictive nature of this company's per cent buyback may not be the last. product, is also reliable. The

Ethical considerations aside, Gallaher is a buy.



Centrica

Centrica. Not only has the company delivered a pre-tax profit in the first half but there is also the strong hint of a dividend, or some other form of shareholder return. next year. It is a far cry from the days when old British Gas (from which Centrica emerged) faced near collapse through the combination of atrocious service and financially crippling take-or-pay contracts. Even the boiler repair side has started to make money, helped by substantial investment in new

technology and an overdue jump in productivity. tion is good news, question marks linger over the longterm prospects for the gas supplier. The whole domestic energy market is becoming more competitive. In gas. where deregulation is complete, the former monopoly sup-plier has undoubtedly suffered. The degree of pain it

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ultimately feels depends on how successful it is in gaining electricity customers in a deregulation process that is only just starting. Centrica is ambitious and is pumping millions of pounds into promoting itself.

Yet while competition in energy is tough, and the restructuring has far to go, Centrica is proving itself to be a pugnacious competitor and operates from a position. of strength. Hold.

Sema

THE sighs of disappointment at yesterday's interims from Sema were almost audible. They certainly lacked the fizz of Logica's figures earlier in the week, and did not de-liver what you would expect from a company with such a high share price rating. After all, it is now a serious faux pas in the IT sector to deliver anything other than double-digit sales growth. Sema's 9.1 per cent simply will not do.

The City is losing patience,

and Sema shares fell sharply from 647p to 580p yesterday. The shares have dived from 825p since July, and at this rate its membership of the exclusive FTSE 100 club, to which it gained admission this week, could be the shortest possible.

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The £77 million sale of its 50 per cent stake in. BAESEMA - its joint venture with British Aerospace - should have improved matters, but instead it cast doubt over the future of its other defence interests in Germany and France.

Shareholders may also wonder about the logic behind Sema telling the world that it wants to make a \$! bilpossibly of a mobile tele-phone company. Now every-one knows this, Sema is

highly unlikely to pick up any bargains. It is another risk factor that will continue to drive the share price down. Sell.

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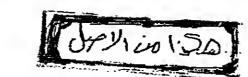
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Mark Galeotti links the mafiya to the current economic crisis

The three faces of Russian crime

ry of the present Russian collapse is pieced together, the country's own mafiva will be seen 10 have had an important role - just as this crisis is playing its part in reshaping Russian nrganised crime. But what is this mafiva? From nme to time, practical people from various law enforcement agencies raise the name of one Russian or another with me and ask what they often feel is a simple question: "Is he a mafioso?" Rarely can I give the yes-or-no answer they seek. The Russian mafiya is not a structured, disciplined organisaoon such as the Sicilian Mafia or Japanese Yukuzu.

Indeed, one of the most distinctive things about Russian organised crime is precisely how disorganised it is. It ranges from swaggering Chechen gangsters to seemingly legitimate Russian entrepreneurs whose business empires have been built on the back of money laundering and rigged privatisation auctions. Along with overtly criminal activines such as protection racketeering, drug smuggling and prostitution, most are also involved in much legal business. Indeed, the most important criminal godfathers now work mainly within the legal or largely legal sectors.

They may fiddle their taxes (not a sin limited to Russians) or establish illegal cartels. But they have long since hived off their protection rackets and narcotics rings to hungry proteges. Further, if one looks at the so-called "oligarchs" and the business empires currently dominating Russia, few do not have skeletons in their cupboards, and in some cases still sitting in their boardrooms.

During the tsarist era, these people built state-protected monopolies or lived as tax farmers off the back of the peasantry.
Under Soviet rule, they joined
the Party and enjoyed both the
legal and illegal perks of their
positions. Today, there is frightemingly little distinguishing the new generation of criminal-businesspeople from their legitimate counterparts.

and entrepreneurial. The criminals simply see crime often as the quickest and fastest route to money, power and security, but have no objection to working licitly if the balance of danger against opportunity is right.

The tales of three criminals - all true but anonymous for obvious reasons — illustrate the role the mafiya has played in the collapse and what it

means for them. Ivan is not quite one of the oligarchs, but a powerful mover and shaker in Moscow. In his rapid rise his first bank was largely built on the financial dealings of the Solntsevo gang. Russia's largest and

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Organised criminals, disorganised crime: the mafiya is not a single unit but a collection of individuals, ranging from the mover and shaker, through the 'businessman', to the thug

most entrepreneurial criminal combine. Ivan was never a gangster, but when he was younger he worked with them. laundering their cash and using their drugs and protection profits as investment capital. Today he has moved on, hobnobs with the great and the good and heads a diversified fi-

nancial empire. Solntsevo money still moves through his banks on the way to Cyprus, Israel and Austria (and, often, via London to Spain or North America), However, mafiya money accounts for at most 25 per cent of the total capital flight from Russia. Figures are, again, often misleading, but capital flight prob-ably has totalled \$25 (£15 billion) to \$35 billion since 1992. Some of this (about a third, averaged over the past four years) has rotated back into Russia. In some cases, this has been money laundering, pure and simple, but it also repre-

sents the desire of many firms

to appear to have won Western investment (sometimes simply to lure unwary Russian investors). This capital flight has been central to Ivan's prosperity, a prosperity untroubled by

Ivan rebes on clever accountants and well-placed bribes to divert revenue agents. He also has local and national politicians in his circle. He does not "own" them — everyone is a private entrepreneur in their own right in today's Russia -

but there are understandings. Ironically, this self-proclaimed "ultra-capitalist" bankrolls Communist and Liberal Democrat politicians in the Duma. They have useful local connections but Ivan also has benefits from the very lack of legal and economic stability in Russia and the freedom for manoeu-

with any likely government,

vre it gives him. Today he feels relaxed: if there is a return to tighter state control, he is confident that he can strike a deal

and his business empire runs not on roubles but dollars (and he has high hopes for the euro). Even most criminals are no threat: his empire has 2,000 armed security officers in Moscow region alone, and one senior local police chief's daughter has a very well-paid sinecure in one of his firms.

Boris is the very model of the modern mañoso. Instead of the tattoos of the old-style godfathers of the "thieves-within-code", he favours designer

label suit jackets and Levi's. He describes himself as an entrepreneur; within the mafiva he is an avtoritet, an "authority". He has a gang in St Petersburg, but they hide behind varioos facades. During the day. his leg-breakers wear the uniforms of his private security company and his drug ped-dlers operate kiosks selling

sweets and alcohol. Boris also has substantial business interests, though. At the moment. Boris is bucking the trend, pulling the money he salted abroad back into Russia. He is going on a buying spree, snapping up small and medium-sized businesses and real estate from bankrupted owners. He did quite well out of the initial privaosarion campaigns that followed the col-lapse of the USSR, but he is now a much more experienced businessman. Then, he - like most criminal-businesspeople relied on cherrypicking what looked like individual profitable assets; he is now looking to round out and rationalise his holdings.

Sasha fits the Central Casting model of the Russian mailoso, from his heavy gold jewellery in his entourage of thugs, molts and hangers-on, Back in Vladivostok, his gang ran a firm that bought copper to be smuggled over the border into China and sold for about 25 times its original value. Their main activities were parasitic, especially racketeering.

It is men such as Sasha who lorce Russian business to pay on average 10 per cent of their profits for protection or up to 30 to 40 per cent of profits on

asha's education was hard won in the prison system, and he knows always to have escape routes. He bought a house in Highbury on one shopping trip abroad, harbouring hopes of sending his sons to a British private school to become proper "dzhentlemen". He also has properties in Vienna and Marbella, and a Greek passport. He has not given up on Russia, and the lieutenant he has left in charge back in Vladivostok has been warned that Sasha still has eyes and friends everywhere. For the moment he feels it is time to move on, though. He is already on his way in Spain with his family (and his favourite bullet-proof Jeep Cherokee), and looks forward to enjoying the sun and the company of fellow international criminals there.

The Ivans, Borises and Sashas have dominated the Russian economic and political system, from the banks to the gutters. The often-repeated figure that 40 per cent of the Russian economy is dominated by organised crime is essentially meaningless when Ivans can drain the state of revenue and stymie economic reform, Borises can distort the market and turn privatisation into kleptocracy and Sashas can force nvo thirds of businesses to pay protection. In their own ways, they have all contributed to Russia's crisis — and in their own ways they are all benefit-ing from it.

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Reinsured

MILLIONS of pounds of City the luckless Ian Strachan. By fees are up for grabs after the merger of Commercial Union and General Accident into the less euphoniously named CGU. The merger was completed in June and the company has started beauty contests to narrow down the two sets of advisers into one.

This does not always happen in such mergers — a large number of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan advisers seem to have stuck around with Diageo, for example, which seems to have a brace of most advisers. But the insurers are a more ruthless lot

Morgan Stanley, Klein-worts, Hoare Govett, Cazen-ove and PricewaterhouseCoopers have an anxious wait on the CU side, while it is nail-biting time for Schroders, Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, Caz again and KPMG for GA. Good thing. Keeps them on

SO BTR's share price is now back to where it was before the failed and horribly contentious bid for Pilkington in 1986, despite the best efforts of



a pleasant symmetry, Pilkington shares are themselves a touch lower than when BTR launched the bid. From which one can only conclude that it would have made no difference who had won.

Single fare

A POP group called the Divine
Comedy has recorded a song
called National Express. So bowled over is the bus company that the track was played at yesterday's results briefing, copies of the CD went to everyone present, and they even printed out the lyric sheet. When you're sad and feeling blue/With nothing better to do/ Don't just sit there feeling stressed/Take a trip on the Na-tional Express." Berlin, Porter and Carmichael can rest easy in their graves.

But it gets worse. The tune is out as a single in the New Year and the board has contacted the group to offer help in making a video. With a cameo role for Phil White, the chief execurive, they hope. A case of de-layed adolescence?

Extra time

MICHAEL GREEN may not be an Arsenal fan, but I can reveal that his brother David, who runs the posh wallpaper makers Colefax & Fowler, is, David once had a flight to Nice held up at the airport be-cause he wanted to watch an old Arsenal game.

It was no ordinary Arsenal game, to be fair, but the 1989 match when his team won 2-0 at Anfield to secure the championship. Green's flight was delayed and he settled down in an armchair in the executive lounge at Heathrow to watch



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it on TV. By the time the flight was called Arsenal were leading 1-0. Green refused to board until the final whistle, and because his luggage had already been loaded on to the aircraft they could not take off without him.

IN THE wake of the Manchester United takeover, the joke doing the rounds is that rival Manchester City, second division and languishing, is also going to be bought by a me-dia concern — the Cartoon

Empowered

The Queen is buying her electricity from British Gas. Well, after all, her highness has to economise these days and Brit-ish Gas does promise a 12 per cent discount on current bills. Or could it be that Simon Lewis, ex-media boss at the gas giant, is doing a bit of sales work in his two-year secondiment as royal spin doctor. Actually the supply of electricity to Windsor Castle is a historical legacy acquired when British Gas bought a business which had the contract to sup-ply the Berkshire royal resi-

Given Windsor Castle's troubled past the Queen may want to take advantage of British Gas's insurance services.

AND now, some City archeologv. Half a century ago there was a broker called Joseph Sebag, one of the City's biggest. The firm is, alas, no more, but Gerry Bealer, who worked there for 36 years, is retiring at the end of the month after 54

years in the City. His son Nick, a trader at Quartz Capital and occasional visitor to this column, is arranging a party for Gerry, who is leaving broker JM Finn at the age of 69, and is trying to track down anyone who worked with his father at the firm or at its successor, Carr Sebag. There must still be a few out there. "It's going to be a challenge for him to find things to do — the City has been his life," Nick tells me.

Garbage in
IT IS a good thing that the
next tranche of data protection fegislation has been delayed from October until some time next spring. Much of it stems from the implementation of more European directives. and to no one's great surprise some silly anomalies are crop-

ping up all over the place. According to a seminar at City lawyers Simmons & Sim-mons this week, even electronic address books are likely to fall foul. Apparently, if you have your Psion about your person and head for New York you will be guilty of transmitting personal data out of the European Union into a country which does not have comparable legislation. This would be contrary to the new Act and, I suppose, therefore a criminal offence. Not a problem you have with scribbles on the back of a cigarette packet.

Moonlighter LORD LEVENE of Portsoken, currently a senior adviser at Lord Levene will split roles Morgan Stanley, has landed

The call's whiskers: Sprite

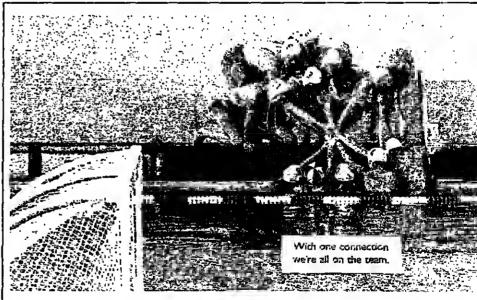
the chairman's job at Bankers Trust International, which now contains the equities arm of NatWest Markets, and he will have overall charge of European operations. But hang on, the same Peter Levene is standing for election as the next Lord Mayor of the City of London, a full-time job for a year, and has about as much chance of being defeated by the due electoral process as Saddam Hussein. One job too

many, surely? "I'm starting on Monday, which gives me a couple of months to get my feet under the table," he tells me. "It's true, the vast majority of my time has to be spent as Lord Mayor, but at the worst I'm only ten minutes away, and there's always the telephone." His new employer has no prob-lem with the arrangement, he

But it does mean that the man whose last-but-one job was championing the delights of Canary Wharf as its chairman and chief executive is going to a bank that is shortly expected to reject a move there in favour of staying in the City. Levene says he knows nothing about the rumoured move to the Spitalfields site but if that is the case, "that's how the cookie crumbles."



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Rio Tinto critical of copper hedge fund speculators

By GEORGE SIVELL

RIO TINTO, the world's largest mining group, survived the plunge in metal prices during the first half of this year, registering a fall in net profit of 7 per cent to \$551 million (£327 million). The company, however, launched an attack on hedge fund speculators who have plagued the copper mar-

The shares reacted with a fall from 622p to 598p. Robert Wilson, the chairman, said that Rio Tinto had benefited from greater efficiency, exand volume gains

But he held out little hope of an early recovery in the global economy. He said: "Outside the major markets of America and Europe much of the world is in economic difficulty and perhaps the best we can hope for is lower but nonetheless positive global growth in the next 12 months."

Rio Tinto has had to cope with the lowest copper price in years. David Humphreys, the chief economist at Rio Tinto. blamed the copper price woe on an onslaught of speculative short selling by hedge funds. The funds have in excess of

\$120 billion under manage-

ment, and Mr Humphreys makes the point that the funds are allowed to take short positions in the copper market of a size that would be prohibited

on the long side. Earlier this year the London Metal Exchange acted against dealers that were thought to be abusing long positions in the market taken in anticipation of metal prices going up. The LME even eased the pain for dealers who had anticipated a price fall and had gone short

The present fall in commodity prices is the first to occur,



Wilson: positive growth

however, with the large hedge funds active as big players on the metal markets.

Rio Tinto said that it gained \$107 million from further efficiencies such as job cuts and better use of capital around

Exchange rates provided an extra \$124 million of help. Currencies of commodity-rich countries, such as Australia and South Africa, weaken when commodity prices fall, helping Rio Tinto which draws up its accounts in American dollars. The company does not hedge its exposure to currencies. Rio Tinto squeezed a further \$16 million of benefit from an improvement in vol-

urnes.
Sales fell 5 per cent to \$4.461
million and earnings per
share fell 7 per cent to 39.4 cents. The half-year dividend is calculated by Rio Tinto in dollar terms and is held at 16.5 cents a share. In sterling terms, however, the dividend falls from 10.37p to 9,96p. Rio Tinto added that cost

savings from initiatives completed since the 1995 merger of CRA of Australia and RTZ of Britain were now running in excess of \$350 million before



Limelight Group, the bath-rooms, bedrooms and kitchens supplier, is again passing the payment of an interim dividend despite a recovery in profits in the first half. Andrew Stanway, chief execu-

tive, yesterday said pre-tax profits rose to £4.1 million from £94,000 in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 2.9p a share, up from 0.6p. Sales were up 7.5 per cent year-on-year.

ecutive of Queens Moat Hous-

es, the hotels group that tee-tered on the brink of collapse

in the early 1990s, has played

down rumours that the compa-

Hotel companies have at-

tracted considerable predatory

interest in recent months and

while some deals, including

bid for Thistle Hotels, have

fallen through, others, such as

the purchase of Savoy, have ex-

cited speculation about the fu-

Mr Coppel's cooling com-

ments came as QMH, which

remains heavily indebted with

borrowing of £800 million, more than doubled first-half

pre-tax profits. In the six

months to June 28 QMH

made £12.8 million, up from

£5.2 million. Mr Coppel said trading had slowed in the

third quarter but was still

ahead of the comparable peri-

od. "Our businesses are soundly based and are positioned to

generate further advances in

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Courtaulds **Textiles** wins rights to name

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

COURTAULDS Textiles has finally won exclusive rights to the internationally renowned courtaulds name eight years after demerging from Courtaulds. Akzo Nobel, the Dutch chemical company that bought the Courtaulds chemicals company in July for £1.8 billion, yesterday announced that it is changing the name of Courtaulds to Akzo Nobel UK. Alzo added that it will also be announcing a new name for the combined fibre business of Courtaulds and Akzo. which it intends to sell-off for

about £1 billion next year. The announcement came as shares in Courtaulds Textiles. a leading supplier of lingerie and underwear to Marks & Spencer, fell 4 per cent to 1564p after Colin Dryer, chief executive, said he did not foresee growth in full-year profits.

For the six months to June 30. pre-tax profits at Cour-taulds Textiles rose 30 per cent to £12.2 million (£10.4 million) on sales down 5 per cent at £398.2 million (£420.9 million). "Our order books are healthy, but declining consum-

er confidence in the UK gives us reason for caution," he said. However, he said international business, which accounts for 56 per cent of sales, had held up well. The interim dividend is unchanged at 5.2p. Earnings per share rose to 8.4p (7.1p).

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Mr Coppel said this sale put the group well up with its debt

The cost of servicing the

debt has been lowered because

of interest payment holidays

agreed with the company's bankers as part of the rescue

plan. Helped also by interest

bill fell from £20.8 million to

£18.2 million in the half year.

However, a rise in interest pay-

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Again, there is no dividend.

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Houses denies

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BY ROBERT COLE, CTTY CORRESPONDENT

ANDREW COPPEL, chief ex- The company said it would not

M&S plans to open store in White City

MARKS & SPENCER yesterday confirmed plans to open a 200,000 sq ft department store in White City. West London, as part of a £450 million development by Chelsfield, the property company. While the Marble Arch branch will continue to the Marks & Spencert fleaship store, the White City be Marks & Spencer's flagship store, the White City property will rank as one of the retailer's biggest outlets when it opens

in the new millennium. Elsewhere, Chelsfield has signed a 20-year lease with the Vendome Luxury Group to occupy the base of the former New York Westbury hotel. The annual rent will be \$4.6 million, exceeding the income generated by the hotel. The upper floors of the Westbury, which is situated on Madison Avenue, will be converted into luxury and the said Challend will be converted into luxury apartments and sold. Chelsfield is also accelerating capital expenditure on the redevelopment. of the London Westbury hotel. Pre-tax profits rose 12 per cent to E11.2 million, while net assets increased 15 per cent to to £11.2 million, while her assets increased 15 per cent to £653.8 million. There is an interim dividend of 1.4p (1.3p) paid out of earnings per share that rose 9 per cent to 3.6p. Chelsfield shares have fallen more than 40 per cent from their late February peak on fears of a slowdown in the UK economy.

Heywood builds up

HEYWOOD WILLIAMS, the building products company, lifted operating profits to a record £20.4 million from £18.4 million in the half year to June 30. However, pre-tax profits fell to E19.39 million (£21.8 million) as a result of restructuring. The interim dividend is held at 5p a share, payable from earnings that fell to 12.5p from 14.4p. The company acquired Spectus-Kestrel, a blending and PVC-U window and door profile extrusion business, for £58 million and has sold Auto Windscreens for £77 million, completing a refocus of its UK and American building products businesses.

Trafficmaster ahead

TRAFFICMASTER, the company that operates a traffic information network, returned a profit of £1 million for the six months to June 30, against a loss of £594,000 in the previous comparable period. Sales rose from £2.88 million to £4.16 million and earnings of 3.5p a share were recorded against losses of 2.lp. David Martell, chief executive, said: "As the in-cartelematics market continues to evolve and grow, further strategic relationships can be expected. Trafficmaster is very well placed to add substantial value to and to benefit from this marketplace." The shares fell lp to 416p.

Biocompatibles boost

BIOCOMPATIBLES International, the medical coatings company, is to begin European marketing of the nylon bal-loon delivery system for its stents, the small metal tubes used to support damaged blood vessels. The move follows the com-pany's receipt of European CE Mark approval for its Pen-Chant pre-mounted stent delivery system. Biocompatibles, a former stock market high-flyer, is already marketing stents with its body-friendly coating in 18 countries. Sales of the stents will start this week. The shares managed a lp rise to 761/p amid yesterday's market fall

Pendragon cautious

PENDRAGON, the motor dealer, is bracing itself for a decline in new car sales despite a robust performance by the UK car market in the first half. Yesterday the company reported a 56 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £10.4 million for the six months to June 30. Earnings rose 9 per cent to 11.7p a share. The interim dividend is lifted II per cent to 4p a share. Borrowto £34.2 million at June 30, but the company hopes to reduce its costs as it adopts the market area approach. The shares fell 844p to 1564:p. having traded at 3124:p in March.

John Laing advances

RECORD profits from housebuilding and a strong advance in income from property development helped John Laing to lift pre-tax profits 48 per cent in the first half. The construction, housing, property and investment group earned £18.4 million before tax in the six months to June 30, up from £12.4 million. Earnings were 3.75p (3.5p) a share, payable from earnings of 13.6p (9p). Sir Martin Laing, chairman, said that although he was confident about the outlook for the rest of 1998, prospects for 1999 were vulnerable to "a more pronounced slowdown in the global economy".

Mowlem stronger

JOHN MOWLEM, the construction company, lifted pre-tax profits to £13.5 million from an adjusted £9.5 million in the half to June 30. Turnover was little changed at £714 million but operating profits rose 13 per cent to £12.7 million. The partial flotation of its subsidiary SGB, a Eurobond repayment and careful cash management eliminated net interest charges. Net interest receipts were £1.1 million, compared with a £1.7 million charge previously. The interim dividend rises to 2p a share (1.5p), from earnings of 4.1p (3.8p. adjusted).

Forecast hits Ferguson

SHARES of Ferguson International fell a further 71:p to 371:p yesterday after the labels supplier said it would only break even in the first half of the year and that the outlook for the second half remained uncertain. The company, whose shares have fallen from a five-year high of 428p, blamed "difficult summer market conditions". Ferguson has concluded a fourmonth review of its operations and has decided to seek a buy-er for its textiles labelling division.

CNP stake to be sold

FRANCE launched a partial privatisation of the Caisse Nationale de Prevoyance (CNP) Assurances yesterday, aiming to float 22 per cent of the capital and reducing its direct holding from 42.5 per cent of the capital and recording its direct holding from 42.5 per cent of per cent. The sale is to be accompanied by the issue of FFr1.5 billion (£157 million) of new capital to finance development. The final price will be set on September 24. CNP Assurances is the biggest personal insurance compa-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. He proposes to grant licences under the Telecommunications Act 1984 ("the Act") to

Limited, Level 3 Communications Limited, NTT Europe Limited, Call-Net (UK)

Belgacom UK Limited, Cyberlight Europe plc, Alpha Telecom Limited, MFNRAC

the United Kingdom. The licences will be for a period of six months, thereafter being

2. The principal effect of each licence will be to enable each Licensee to install and run telecommunication systems in the United Kingdom which may be connected to

telecommunication systems outside the United Kingdom, and to provide a wide range

of services but not any domestic services (i.e. services involving the conveyance of

messages which originate and are subsequently to terminate in the United Kingdom)

or mobile radio services. Each licence authorises connection to a wide range of other

as a public telecommunication system under section 9 of the Act, It is the intention of

3. Each licence will be subject to conditions such that section 8 of the Act will apply to

it, thereby making each of the systems run under each licence eligible for design

the Secretary of State to designate each of the Licensees' systems as a public

4. The Secretary of State proposes to grant each licence in response to an application

from each Licensee for such a licence because he considers that it will help to satisfy demands in the Untied Kingdom for the provision of services of the type authorised,

will promote the interest of consumers in respect of the quality and variety of such services, and will maintain and promote effective competition between those engaged

5. He proposes to apply the telecommunications code ("the Code") to Level 3

installation, maintenance, repair or alteration of its apparatus;

Communications Limited and Zereau Limited subject to certain exceptions and

conditions throughout the United Kingdom. The effect of the exceptions and

conditions to the application of the Code is that the Licensee will have duties:

(a) to comply with various safety and environmental conditions, in particular (with

certain exceptions) to install lines underground or only on such above-ground

(b) to comply with conditions designed to ensure efficiency and economy on the part of the Licensee, in connection with the execution of works on land concerning the

(c) to consult certain public bodies before exercising particular powers under the

Code, including the local planning and highway authorities and English Nature,

and the National Trust for Scotland, as well as relevant electricity suppliers;

(d) to keep and make available records of the location of underground apparatus and

copies of the exceptions and conditions in its licence to its powers under the

(e) to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet certain liabilities arising from

mmunications Limited and Zereau Limited is that It will need the statutory powers

in the Code to install and maintain the telecommunication systems which are to be

7. The reasons why it is proposed that the Code as applied should have effect subject to the exceptions and conditions referred to above are that they are considered requisite

or expedient for the purpose of securing that the physical environment is protected.

safely and economically as possible, and that the Licensee to whom the Code is

applied can meet (and relevant persons can enforce) liabilities arising from the

8. Representations or objections may be made in respect of the proposed licences, the

that there is no greater damage to land than necessary, that the systems are installed as

application of the Code to Level 3 Communications Limited and Zereau Limited and the

proposed exceptions and conditions referred to above. They should be made in writing

by 12 October 1998 and addressed to the undersigned at the Department of Trade and

Buckingham Palace Road, London, SWIW 9SS. Copies of the proposed licences can be

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freely obtained by writing to the Department or by calling 0171 215 1756.

6. The reason why the Secretary of State proposes to apply the Code to Level 3

Scottish Natural Heritage, the Countryside Council for Wales, the National Trust

UNDER SUBSECTIONS 8(5) AND 10(6) OF THE

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

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Anthony J. Eden-Brown

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LEGAL NOTICES



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SUPPLY OF A NEW IDENTITY CARD

Proposals addressed to the Registrar, University College Dublin, and receivable up to 5.00pm on Friday 23 October 1998 are invited for the supply of a new Identity Card Management System in accordance with specifications and conditions of

Proposals must be based on existing and proven hardware and software solutions already in operation in large organisations and, more desirably, the third level education sector. Suppliers should state clearly where their proposal varies from their standard

The award criteria will be the most economically advantageous tender in terms of price, quality and

A 'Request for proposals' document may be obtained from Ms Nora Murphy, Registrar's Office, at the above address, telephone (353 1) 706 1344. The final date for request of documents is Friday 25 September

It will be a condition for the award of the contract that a firm must be able to produce promptly a Tax Clearance Certificate (resident tenderers) or a statement of suitability on Tax Clearance grounds from the Revenue Commissioners (non-resident

UCD is not obliged to accept the lowest or any tender. UCD also reserves the right to select a tender in full

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the second half year," he said. QMH owns 50 hotels in Britain, 34 in Germany and 22 in The Netherlands. It sold its 11 French and Belgian hotels earlier this week for £42 million. Coppel: further advances

Sema shares hit by 'lacklustre' results

BY CHRIS AYRES

5HARES in Sema Group continued their steep decline yesterday after the Anglo-French computing company revealed modest results and its withdrawal from a joint venture with British Aerospace.

The group's shares fell 10 per cent to 580p - compared with a high of 825p in July despite this week's inclusion in the FTSE 100 index. Analysts blamed the fall on Sema's "lacklustre" results.

Sema said it would sell its 50 per cent interest in BAeSEMA, plus its South African military

logistics subsidiary, to British Aerospace for £77 million in cash.

Pierre Bonelli, Sema's chief executive, said pre-tax profits at the company had risen 18.8 per cent during the six months to June 30 from E26.2 million to E31.1 million. Sales rose 9.1 per cent from E559 million to £611 million, while earnings per share rose 20.5 per cent from 4.01p to 4.83p.

A dividend of 0.84p (from 0.7p) is payable on November 2.

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City welcomes promotion of 36-year-old Bonfield

New financial chief for SB

BY PAUL DURMAN

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM has promoted Andrew Bonfield to take over as chief financial officer from Hugh Collum, who will retire after 12 years with the pharmaceutical group at the end of the year.

At 36, Mr Bonfield will be one of the youngest finance directors of a FTSE 100 company and, at 6'3", one of the tallest. He could be paid as much as £300,000, though his salary is yet to be decided.

Although Mr Bonfield is already deputy finance director, Mr Collum, 58, said he was appointed only after an extensive search by Spencer Stuart. Because of the youngest vice-president to date.

pressure SB is under in the aftermath of its failed merger with Glaxo Wellcome, Mr Collum said Jan Leschly, chief executive, "considered it important for us to be selecting absolutely the right man".

Mr Bonfield's promotion had been expected by analysts. Nigel Barnes, at Mer-rill Lynch, said: "It's very positive. We know Andrew well. He's a very good guy and knows the business well."

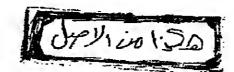
Mr Bonfield has worked with SB since 1989, when he was one of the accountants seconded from Price Waterhouse to work on Beecham's merger with SmithKline Beckman. Two years later he became SB's

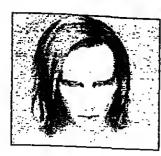
He qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse in South Africa. where he lived for 15 years until 1987. He said it had always been his ambition to be-come SB's chief financial officer: "It's a place that gives me a buzz going to work in the morning."

Mr Collum will remain involved with the pharmaceutical sector through Chiroscience, where he takes over as chairman next month. He is also about to join the board of Siebc, the engineering group. He is a director of M&G Group, Saleway and Whitehead Mann, and will be looking for "one or two other things" to keep him from the gardening.

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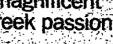


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s the late John Lennon so memorably put it: "I read the news today, oh boy." And which stories caught my eye this week? More and more British people, it seems, are taking pills to counier bouts of depression. And the Royal Opera House is in turmoil again. Are these maners con-

nected? You have to wonder. For anyone who loves opera, the Covent Garden affair has been a depressing saga. What did they once say about the British? Something about our genius for compromise? Our gift for finding pragmatic solutions to knotty dilemmas? That we make the world's best diplomats? Ah, nostalgic compli-ments! The recent history of Covent Garden suggests that at present we couldn't negotiate our

way out of a paper bag.

And this week's spectacle — Coveni Garden's management and unions engaging in a series of public headbutts, like dinosaurs oblivious to imminent extinction — deepens the despair. Pass me those big pink pills, nurse, I feel a severe bout of operatis gloomis coming on.

Time's up in the last-chance Crush Bar

On Wednesday Sir Colin South-gate, the chairman of the opera house, announced his "radical plan" to save Covent Garden, It's quite a piece of work. In a nutshell, everyone gets sacked; only those who promise to work harder for less money get rehired; next year's opera programme is written off as a dead loss: the new studio theatre is declared null and void even be-fore it opens its doors; the perform-ance schedule for the redeveloped opera house is cut by a third; and taxpayers end up forking out more subsidy for fewer performances. On the other hand, ticket prices will come down, and that's what everyone said they wanted.

You can understand the anger of Covent Garden's workforce. For a man who says that he has inherited "an outdated culture of confrontational industrial relations". Southgate seems to have concoded a pretty good imitation of an oldfashioned lockout to solve his prob-lems. If he doesn't think his own plan is "confrontational" he should spend the weekend wandering around incognito, like Henry V be-fore Agincourt, among his horny-handed stagehands.

But what the stage crews think is neither here nor there. Southgate says that without drastic action the opera house simply won't reopen. He is trying to "do a Wapping": make a clean break from past managerial weakness and incompetence, and start afresh in a new building with new equipment and a newly motivated workforce. And, as with Wapping, the Gov-

ernment seems openly delighted to see union power smashed. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, tells Southgate in an open letter this week that "your plans for reforming the ROH are wholly consistent with (government) aims", and that Covent Garden can therefore exIN THE ARTS

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pect "substantial additional funding". The only slight surprise is that this is a Labour Government. Funny old world, innit?

That's one irony of the Covent Garden upheaval. Another is that, having squealed indignantly at Smith's infamous suggestion last year - that English National Opera share the reopened Covent Garden with the Royal Opera and Ballet - on the ground that this would greatly reduce the total number of performances in London, the opera house has now been forced to cut the shows anyway. The truth is that, whichever way you slice the subsidy, there isn't enough to support two large-scale opera companies in London. Never has been,

f course Covent Garden regularly gets "saved" by bold executive action. It seems like only last winter, and indeed it was, that Mary Allen was telling The Times how her cool head and firm hand had averted financial disaster and established a proper business plan for Covent Garden. I remember the article well, because our regrettably unprophetic headline was "A fine mess, but we'll fix it".

Now Ms Fixit has gone and Sir Colin Fixit has arrived but the fine mess remains obstinately unfixed. The difference this time, however, is that the opera house managers and its 500 workers (500! And it used to be 900! really are drinking in the last-chance Crush Bar.

Yes, it is inconceivable that the redeveloped Covent Garden won't open in December 1999. The pub-lic, which overwhelmingly resented donating £78 million of lottery money to the redevelopment in the first place, would be scandalised if the new Covent Garden stood empty and purposeless.

But if the Royal Opera's management and unions can't sit down like the reasonable, cultured peo-ple they are alleged to be, and thrash out an agreement that opens up the new Covent Garden to new audiences and frequent television transmissions, there is a very fine opera company just down the road that would surely be de-lighted to swap its crumbling, near unworkable old thearre for pristine state-of-the-art premises. Its name

is English National Opera.
With its inspiring young music director, Paul Daniel, its brilliant outreach programme, its affordable ticket prices, its imaginative production style and its loyal audience that cuts right across the class and age barriers which bedevil the Royal Opera. ENO would turn the new Covent Garden into a marvellously vibrant place.

I'm kidding, aren't !? Not enure-ly. The fact is that London has already learnt to live quite cheerfully without a resident Royal Opera, and next year the company won't exist in any shape at all. Indispensable it ain't. Nobody at Covent Garden should forget that, especially during these next crucial weeks. Cut out the fake outrage and macho posturing, guys; get down to hard talking; and turn the new Covent Garden into an opera house that makes Britain proud to own it. Use it or lose it. The years of

MONET OF THE DAY

Each day this week Richard Cork selects paintings from the forth-coming Royal Academy show

The Japanese Bridge, c.1919-24 PROBABLY completed within two years of Monet's death, this seismic work shows how unfettered the octogenarian artist had become. The entire surface of the canvas is alive with restless, flickering marks. Assailed by cataract problems Monet nevertheless persisted in returning time and again to his beloved lify pond.

Bridge, flowers and foliage are, however, hard to identify within the welter of orgiastic brushstrokes. The forms have dissolved into a web of colour, conveying above all the obsessive intensity of the old man's response to nature. The emotional impact of this visionary canvas is complex, encompassing Monet's rage at the imminence of death as well as his perpetual ecstasy in front of the nirvana he cherished.

Times readers have priority booking for the Royal Academy's Monet in the 20th Century show (Jan 23-April 19), sponphone Firstcall (0870 842 2200, booking fee £1.80 per ticket on first five tickets: £1.40 thereafter)



Elegy for a daughter

JUST as the Austrian compos-er Franz Schmidt was getting into his stride, the time was turning seriously out of joint. The 1938 premiere of his last great work, the oratorio The Book of the Seven Seals, was turned into a National Socialist event, and his reputation took decades to recover. Indeed, it wasn't until Wednesday that his Fourth and last symphony, written in 1932-33, made its Proms debut.

This was music which was certainly far too conservative to be snared as Entartete, or degenerate. So Schmidt missed out on that unique selling point, too. But the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and its conductor Yakov Kreizberg made a convincing enough case for the rehabilita-tion of this elegiac, single-span work in which a direct personal voice speaks through the ardently assimilated language of Brahms and Bruckner. Not without cause has this work terpiece of the Austro-German

It wears that mantle lightly.

Bournemouth SO/ Kreizberg Albert Hall/Radio 3

The symphony's guiding spirit seems to be that of Schmidt's beloved only daughter, who died in childbirth as he began to write the score. Its centre of gravity is the climax of a massive funeral march which acts as the Adagio, and which was so powerfully built and sustained by Kreizberg. This is approached by an opening sturdy and conventional enough of form and harmony, but disconcerting in its use of a solo trumpet to announce a long, subtly chromatic source idea. The cello is an equally eloquent solo

The trumpet ends the work too. Its theme has meanwhile been elaborated in long pascounterpointed, sometimes abruptly truncated, sometimes engulfed. Quietly distanced

from the musical ferment of its time, Schmidt's music makes for thought-provoking listening, especially in a perform-ance as committed as this.

The Schmidt symphony brought a degree of ballast to the evening. The first half had been dominated by the Russian pianist Arcadi Volodos, whose presence had doubtless filled the Albert Hall. After his debut disc, his Wigmore recital and his Rachmaninov Two at last year's Proms, expecta-tions were high. But his Rachmaninov Third Piano Concerto was a disappointment.

There were beguiling mo-ments: the suspended whispering of the opening, the hard, bright light of the left hand as it led the orchestra in: the Inter-mezzo's clear song. Volodos's technical security and exuber-ant colour sense carry him through a good many notes. But that's not enough. Volodos seemed to be on a helter-skelter of monomaniacal virtuosiment which got in his way.

HILARY FINCH

Semi-precious stones: the set of 19 rings for Nude Woman in a Red Armchair



jewellery for Nude Sitting Against Green Background





stones necklace created for

The sparklers that Pablo left out

GALLERIES: A jewellery exhibition draws its inspiration

from Picasso's portraits of women. Simon Tait reports

obody painted women like Picas-so did. But then, no painter had women to paint like Picasso had all beautiful but each strikingly different in looks and personality. One thing these mistresses, wives and friends have in common, though, is that apart from occasional hats their beauty is una-dorned. Any clothes were simple: there might be a hair rib-bon or a humble string of beads, but seldom anything that could be described as deco-

Wendy Ramshaw, the leading British artist-jeweller, used this as inspiration for Picasso's Ladies: 66 pieces which are now being shown at the Victoria and Albert Museum. It is the largest ever display of a living jewellery designer's work at the museum.

"I'd always loved the Picas-so women," Ramshaw says. This project began at the Mu-seum of Modern Art during a trip to New York. "I bought a bundle of postcards of the portraits, and I thought I could design from them. It wasn't that I thought the pictures weren't finished, or that I wanted to embellish them: it was an inspiration to make something of my own." It turned into a ten-year odyssey during which she has changed her scale of work, her style, and also survived cancer — an experience which has influenced this col-

lection. Picasso's most famous models from the late 1920s to the early 1950s, and some from earlier, are represented here: Marie-Thérèse Walter, Dora Maar, Nusch Eluard, Francoise Gilot, Jacqueline Roque. There is even Gertrude Stein from the earlier portrait in which she wears a tiny red brooch. It inspired Ramshaw to make five silver bracelets with curves punctuated by tiny golden balls.

There is Sylvette, the ponytailed girl in the 1954 Portrait of a Young Woman, whose

profile created a look for the 1950s later made flesh by Brighte Bardot and Françoise Hardy. "At first I thought earrings would be the answer to this particular portrait, with its elongated neck, and I made a series of drawings," Ram-shaw says. "But the wonderful heavy head of hair made me decide on a series of combs in silver, purple, red and blue stones such as amethyst, lapis lazuli and garnet to pick up and complement the colours of the portrait."

And there is even a piece

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drawn from the controversial and fascinating early series Les Desmoiselles d'Avignon. In a study for the 1907 paintings Ramshaw found refer-ence to Picasso's interest in Af-rican art. She made a black necklace of Perspex beads with silver gilt inlays. "This is the primitive versus the mod-ern for me," Ramshaw says. The most striking exhibit is the brooches of coloured tears

for one of the most familiar Picasso images of Dora Maar, the Weeping Woman. "In terms of a painting with such radiance and colour, it is hard to think of jewellery as any-thing but joyous." she says. She had a series of brilliantly coloured stones cut and then turned them into a group of drop-shaped stones which developed into two large, cascading brooches.

The piece represents a new phase for Ramshaw. Since the start of the project her work has developed into the larger OIL DE WILE, DAYD'S CABBING agree

scale. She has designed gates for St John's College, Oxford. a buge screen for the V&A. and murals and sculptures for two passenger liners.

ues to interest her. "On the large scale," she says, "the work is something that involves a large number of people at different levels at the same time, so it's the very opposite of jewellery, which is a one-to-one relationship. You don't lose the body relation-ship, but it's reversed because the body relates to the large object which creates its own context, while the small object re-

lates to the body." Three years ago Ramshaw contracted breast cancer, which has responded to treatment so far, but casts a perpetual shadow. She says the experience gives one a reason to be brave in other areas of life. It is an experience which helped her to make the Weeping Woman brooches.

The composition is disorganised, but I've got balance by contrasting the stones against each other. There is a moment of movement frozen in the painting, an instant of anguish which I wouldn't have had the courage to work with when the project started. It's a waterfall of tears."

Even in the large scale, the signature geometric order and linear patterns which draw the eye in her jewellery are un-mistakably present, but in the later Picasso jewellery there is an unfamiliar abandon, a new

freedom of movement.
"The early works in the collection are very recognisably mine, but as you get on you lose touch with the familiar. and that is because I have used a lot of the old language up," she says. "As an artist you have to expand the language you've got because you can't make a new one, and that's what you can see here."

● Picasso's Ladies: Jewellery by Wendy Ramshaw is at the Victoria and Albert wutil February 15



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It's cool to be coy

Between rock and a dark Hole

Courtney Love could learn a thing or two about infamy from Belle & Sebastian, Caitlin Moran suggests

Records spent more than \$1 million on the Hole comeback albuni - a big, brash, wondersigned to be sold only in its millions. Unfortunately, the first single from it went in at a

very poor No 19 on Sunday. On Monday, Belle & Sebastian - an underground Glaswegian eight-piece so fey that they have recorder solos played one of the most astonishing gigs t've ever seen, and nearly provoked a riot. Both bands have that real.

magical liquid genius about them, which is unstoppable and undeniable, and freezes the breath in your body. However, it's quite likely you don't know about this, as they simply don't deal with the press. In Belle & Sebastian's case. this means no photo shoots, no interviews; the guy from The New York Times was stood up in a Glasgow pub in 1996. One magazine was promised an exclusive first ever photo shoot with them last year - and ended up with a picture of one of the band's mates doing the ironing. Belle & Sebastian simply

don't care about being famous: they sell enough records and T-shirts to pay the rent and everything else is just yellowing scrapbooks full of misquotes in the end.

have waved around so many contracts and conditions that the campaign for their cursists of a buried feature in a broadsheet and a brief interview with The Big Issue.

Interviewers have to agree not to ask questions about Kurt Cobam, Nick Broomfield's Kurt and Courtney documentary. Love's father and "any half-truths/rumours" regarding the band. Hole also placed restrictions on their TV and radio interviews, causing a very bad-humoured three minutes on The O-Zone, and a last-minute cancellation of their TFI Friday appearance.

Most of the British media are roundly hacked off with the band, and in the absence of an interview have filled space with exasperated comments on Love's Hollywood spin-doctoring. What should have been a glittering comeback has turned into a rather sour debate on freedom of speech. This is probably why the Hole single stalled and the album is predicted to go in at a very icky No 10 on Sunday. If you're selective about your publicity, you only get a selecrive audience; and no one ever bought a big pink Jaguar on selective audience sales.

Belle & Sebastian's blanket refusal is the far more successful tack. By deciding they didn't want to be questioned Hole, on the other hand, from the outset (and it's impor-



- and as many as eight in the group Belle & Sebastian Here are Belle & Sebastian. This is strange, because there are three people in the picture

tant to remember that musicians don't have to be quesrioned - they're not politicians or monopolists), they've built up a relationship with their audience that's pretty

unique in the 1990s. At their As the gig progressed, and they unfolded each of their sweltering Shepberd's Bush Empire gig on Monday, they Fabergé clockwork miracles. took to the stage an hour late and walked into a wall of the audience divided into those who forgave the band piqued devotees booing.

who continued to heckle, These factions then started on each other. The theatre turned into a yelping 3-D debating-chamber - kids on the floor heckled those hanging from the balconies; those at the back heckled those at the front, and those in the middle passed on insults from both

passionate again, even for one evening, is rather like finding gold on Mars. As Belle & Sebastian ended

music become interactive and

their gig with five seconds of stunned silence, followed by a roar that had the people in the roar that had the people in the balconies vibrating, the wornan next to me bemoaned the band's reluctance to do interviews. "Do you think it's that they're show wondered. I doubt it a band that can play recorder solos through a near-right have transper balc." near-riot have trousers bulging with contents the Prodigy can only dream of I rather think it's that they know this the main thing about press is being seen to be successful. and when you know you are, it becomes kind of unneces-

he real tragedy of the botched Hole album launch is that Courtney Love, for all her Amazon Hollywood diva-ing, still sees herself as musically. unsuccessful. She wants to be vindicated, and by the same UK press she used to devour as a teenager.

So withdrawing from the media entirely, à la Belle & Sebastian, isn't an option for her but then neither is answering a dozen unwelcome questions. And as Love, famously, wants to "be the girl with the most cake", the only option she has left is trying to have her cake, and contractually ensuring that she can also eat it at a later date.

● Both Hole's Celebrity Skin (Geffen) and Belle & Sebastian's The Boy With The Arab Strap (Jeepster Records) albums are out now

The cosmic cowboy

oo subversive to be country, too safe-home to be rock, Gram Parsons was the missing link be-tween Hank Williams and the Rolling Stones - a cosmic cowboy with a rock'n'roll heart.

Gram redefined the possibilities of country music for me." Keith Richards told Parsons's biographer, Ben Fong-Torres. "If he had lived he probably would have redefined it for everybody."

Parsons was pronounced dead at 12.30am on September 19, 1973, following a drug overdose in the Joshua Tree Inn in the Californian desert. He was 47 days short of his 27th birthday. A quarter of a century later, people are still exploring the possibilities of the soulcountry-blues Parsons termed Cosmic American Music.

His long-time champions include Emmylou Harris, Elvis Costello, Tom Petty, REM, Primal Scream and Evan Dando.

Ann Scanlon

pays tribute to the myth and memory of

Gram Parsons

but his influence is evident in everything from alternative country to Beck and the Verve. "I spent a lot of time listen-

ing to Parsons in the early hours of the morning," says the Verve's Richard Ashcroft. "His version of Love Hurts is a classic example of how great country music can be - it's very simple, but you can't deny how you feel when you've

The impenetrable sadness that runs through Parsons's music can be traced back to a rich Southern childhood that

Alan Clark, the Tory MP, historian and celebrated dlarist, will be speaking on his new book, The Tories: Conservatives and the Nation State 1922-1997

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Williams. Born Ingram Cecil Connor III, he inherited vast wealth from his mother and deep melancholy from his fa-ther, who shot himself when Gram was just 12. His mother remarried a salesman called Bob Parsons before drinking The teenage Parsons found

comfort in country music. After a brief stint in the Byrds long enough to record the alburn Sweetheart Of The Rodeo - he became friends with Keith Richards and dreamt of forming a country version of the Rolling Stones. He came close when the Flying Burrito Brothers recorded The Gilded Palace Of Sin in 1969.

On tour, Parsons's cracked. fragile voice - which wavered even more when fuelled by drink and drugs - regularly reduced people to tears. "ft's simply a way of saying. 'Find a way to love," Parsons said of the Burritos' sound. "It's goose-

bump music." However, disillusioned by lack of success, Parsons went



SRAM PARSON Zat I EM AMON Gram Parsons, who died 25 years ago this month

to Europe with the Stones. He showed them how to play country with feeling and introduced them to his pedal steel guitarist. They returned the fayour by letting him record Wild Horses before they did.

Bored with the Burritos, Parsons met an unknown singer called Emmylou Harris. They sang an impromptu duet and he knew that he had found the Tammy Wynette to his George Jones. With the help of Harris and Elvis Presley's band, Parsons recorded two extraordinary solo albums. GP and Grievous Angel.

But before the latter was released, he was dead. In order to carry out Parsons's wish to be cremated in the desert, his tour manager Phil Kaufman borrowed a hearse, stole the coffin, drove out to the Joshua Tree and set the body alight. It was the perfect finale.

Airibute to Gram Parsons takes place at the Garage, London N5. on Sept 19. Hickory Wind: The Life & Times Of Gram Pursons by Ben Fong-Torres is published by St

They quote me here, they quote me there

Jack Dangers is the man everyone wants to sample. Lisa Verrico meets Mr Meat Beat Manifesto

ack Dangers should be bitter. The Swindonborn, San Franciscobased musician has been sampled by the cream of the UK dance scene for over a decade. yet his name is barely known even in clubland. While the Prodigy, Chemical Brothers. Fatboy Slim and Future Sound Of London have all made big money from hit singles based on snippets of his penny of the profits. Moreover, although it was Dangers who taught his peers how to turn experimental, electronic music into commercial pop. his own band, Meat Beat Manifesto, has never been in the

Brirish charts. According to the 34-year-old techno pioneer, however, neither recognition nor a healthy bank balance have ever been important. Influenced by the likes of Kraftwerk. Can. John

Calc and Sheffield's industrial noise merchants 6 My aim Cabaret Voltaire. Dangers claims not to care that a new generation of dance acts is curalways rently claiming credit for the sambeen to ple-based, big beat sound which he almost certainly ininspire

vented. "My aim has alothers ? ways been to inspire other people to listen to more

music." says Dangers, a shy. Evil Lurks. sofily spoken, balding man, who stoops when he walks, as if to counter his skinny, 62" frame. "If my songs can make someone check out a few of my own favourite albums, t'm happy. When I first heard Cabaret Voltaire, a new world of music opened up to me. Because I was fascinated with that band, I decided to investigate their influences, which introduced me to the likes of Kraftwerk, Stockhausen, Xen-

akis and Cage." The first band to make a mark on Dangers was Swindon's XTC. Having just left school aged 16, he was offered a job as a tea boy in his hometown's sole recording studio.

At the time, XTC, whose singer Andy Partridge had grown up almost next door to Dangers, was rehearsing for what was to prove the band's final, ill-fated tour. "I think only a couple of those shows actually happened," says Dangers. 'Andy had some sort of breakdown and the band split up. t was fortunate to witness what they were like live near the end. After seeing that, I knew had to work in music."

A year later Dangers started writing his own songs under the name Meat Beat Manifesto, although it was not unfil he was in his mid twenties that his influence on the British dance scene began to be felt. The turning point was a dub-heavy, breakbeat track tiiled Radio Babylon. Released in 1987, the seminal song had the hard drum sound and dense production style of

American hip hop acts such as Public Enemy and Eric B and Rakim. Out of step with the then fashion for sparser house and techno, Radio Baby lon was initially ignored. In the early 1990s, however, a teenage Liam How-len fell for the track. Howlett. who had formed the Prodigy the previous year, contact-

ed Dangers to

remix a track from

his debut EP, What "Liam sent me a letter and a had of demo tapes," recalls Dangers. "I don't remember what I thought of them, hul I didn't do the remix because 1 was too busy on tour. A few months later I was walking down the street in Swindon when I heard one of my beats playing on a ghetto hlaster. It was my beat all right, but it

wasn't my song.' In fact, what Dangers heard was Charly, the childlike rave tune which launched the Prodigy's career in spectacular style by entering the UK charts at No 2. He even bought the single just to be sure that it was based on Radio Babylon. Then he did nothing, despite



"I have never sued anyone for sampling my records without asking," says Jack Dangers

been asked his permission nor was due to benefit financially from the song's success.

"I have never sued anyone for sampling my records with-out asking," says Dangers. "It's not in my nature. t know this snunds ridiculous, but I don't want to be seen as some money-grabbing musician. It doesn't even annoy me. Nor do I feel flattered by it. What I do get is a sense of achievement. I give myself a quick pat on the back, then return to what I was doing, it also keeps mc on my feet. I have to keep pushing music on so that I'm always one step ahead."

horily after Charly was a hit, a nascent Future Sound Of London also broke into the pop charts with the help of Radio Babylon. By chance. Dangers rurned on his TV to see a Top Of The Pops performance of the electronic outlit's only big hit, Paриа New Guinea.

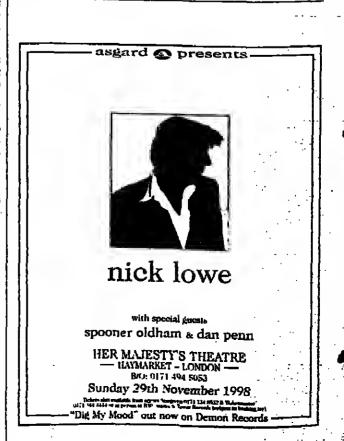
"That track was 50 per cent mine," says Dangers. "Bul when my publisher tried to persuade me to sue, I denied that it sampled my song. I didn't mind, although I was angry when the hand paid a dozen Dis to do remixes, but never bothered to ask me."

Subsequently, dozens of successful dance arrists have freely borrowed from Meat Beat Manifesto's back catalogue. which contains six albums worth uf varied music, ranging from hardcore breakbeat tn jazz and ambient. In recent months. Dangers has remixed the likes of Fun Lovin Criminals and Public Enemy. begun work with the Orb and supported the Prodigy on a stadium tour of the United States. On Monday, Meat Beat Manifesto releases its seventh album, Actual Sounds + Voices. A difficult, occasionally inaccessible, but always intriguing collection of densely produced songs, it was culled from more than 60 hours of studio sessions.

Unfortunately. Actual Sounds + Voices is unlikely to bring Dangers the commercial success he deserves. Remaining underground, howevcr. means he can continue to get away with sampling some

without paying royalties. "I have been sued only once. It was for using a jazz break from a 1950s Blue Note classic by Horace Silver. I see sumpling as the aural equivalent of pop art. It involves taking something that already exists. then altering it to create a new product. Sadly, few people share my opinions on sampling. The worst part of releasing records is waiting for the phone calls from my lawyer."

of his all-time favourite artists



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Far more mainstream than manic

NEW POP ALBUMS: The eagerly awaited fifth release by Manic Street Preachers is formulaic, says David Sinclair

MANIC STREET **PREACHERS**

This Is My Truth Tell Me (Epic 4917036, £15.99)

THEY are revered as oracles of alternaove pop wisdom despite their unreliable haircuts. But behind all the pseudo-revolutionary rhetoric, Manie Street Preachers have always peddled a fairly conservative musical formula, and never more so than on their fifth alburn This Is My Truth Tell Me

Defined by the orthodox arena-rock guitar sound of James Dean Bradfield and the heavy drum fills of Sean Moore, the album is given fur-ther mainstream polish by string arrangements on several tracks and the uplifting, anthemic choruses of numbers such as The Everlasting and You Stole The Sun From My Heart.

But while the music has a hold, grown-up air about it, the lyrics, written by bassist Nicky Wire, continue to flow from a seemingly bottomless well of teenage art-student angst. Mistaking polemic for poetry, Wire doesn't so much write verse as weave together slogans inspired by his frank-

ly hysterical musings on such pressing issues of concern as the Spanish Civil War Uf You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next), the Hillsbor-ough football stadium disaster (South Yorkshire Mass Murderer) and "Weish self-destruction" (Ready For Drowning).

Bradfield, the man charged

with the job of actually singing such deeply unsexy lines as: The subtext of this song/I've thought about it lor so long" does his bit with commendable gusto. But there is such an air of weary narcissism per-vading numbers such as My Little Empire ("I'm bored of be-ing bored") and Born A Girl ("I wish I had been born a girl/ And not this mess of a man") that you begin to wonder at what point the righteous anger of youth turns into the sanctimonious bluster of the professionally disaffected.

MARILYN MANSON Mechanical Animals (Nothing/Interscope INTD

90273, £15.99) A SHOCK-ROCK huckster in the tradition of Alice Cooper. Marilyn Manson and his group of the same name can hardly be surprised that no one has taken their music very

seriously before now. Their imals, is adorned with a provocative "nude" photograph of their avowedly Satanist leader. a 29-year-old man once known as Brian who now appears to have mutated into a red-eyed hermaphrodite eu-

son has attempted to put some musical flesh on the bones of his carefully contrived image, enlisting producer Michael Beinhorn, who is known for his work with the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Hole and Sound-

The result is a collection of cartoon electro-glam-rock songs such as Rock Is Dead and I Don't Like The Drugs, that will sit comfortably on the shelf alongside those almostforgotten albums by Babylon Zoo and Gary Numan. Heavi-ly influenced by Ziggy Star-dust-era David Bowie, numbers such as Disassociative and Last Day On Earth are steeped in predictable sci-fi imagery, while User Friendly comes garnished with strangely innocuous clusters of the F-

A five-piece group of fresh-faced girls and boys recruited by manager Tim Byrne via an

fourth album, Mechanical An-But this time around Man-

"I'm as fake as a wedding cake," Manson sings in New Model, somewhat giving the game away, but banging on happily regardless.

Step One (live 0519112, £15.99) "LIFE is always sunny in Stepsworld" according to the Steps press release, a docu-ment so relentlessly upbeat it would probably give Nicky Wire heart failure.

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advertisement in The Stage, and helped on their way by 1980s pop Svengali Pete Waterman. Steps have already demonstrated an eerie populist appeal with a string of hit singles – 5,6,7,8, Last Thing On My Mind and One For Sorrow all included here.

But it is interesting to note how much care and pride has gone into assembling the rest of their first album, Step One. A collection of infectious disco tunes and smoothy ballads, all very modern-sounding but influenced here and there by Abba, it is clearly destined for extended success in what is rapidly turning into a golden era of post-Spice pop.

MOTT THE HOOPLE All The Young Dudes - The Anthology

(Columbia 491 400; three discs. £35.99) GARISH. lumpen, yet tremendously endearing, Mott The Hoople were the quintessential Eng-lish rock'n roll band of the

1970s. Their idea was to combine the swagger of the Rolling Stones with the poetic ap-peal of Bob Dylan, but in the end it was David Bowie who provided them with their biggest nil All The Young Duaes, thereby inspiring them to ad-

vance, at quite a late stage in

their career, beyond the

realms of pub-rock mediocri-

All the highs and more than enough of the lows are included on this painstakingly annotated and lavishly illustrated triree-C D boxed se mastered hits, including All The Way From Memphis, Roll Away The Stone and the sublime Saturday Gigs, sound wonderful, while the 37 "previously unreleased" tracks have a certain awful curiosity value. A book, Mott The Hoople And Ian Hunter - The Biograpublished by Cherry Red to tie in with the anthology's re-

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Showcase for a new generation

DAMON BROWN QUINTET

A Rhythm Indicative (Zah Zah ZZCD 9806)

AS A showcase for a representative sample of the newly es-tablished generation in UK jazz, this album, led by trumpeter Damon Brown, is hard

In addition to his crisp, fleet trumpet it also features a superbly cohesive core band: the perory conesive core band; the pleasantly gruff saxophonist/ flautist Andy Panayi, the witti-ly rambunctious pianist Gareth Williams and the superb rhythm team of bassist Geoff ou've seen the movie, read the book - now listen to the songs. The sink-ing of The Titanic was a recurrent

■ English singer Ernest Gray only a few

The selection ranges from the down-home blues of Blind Willie Johnson on

God Moves on the Water to the more re-

fired rones of country singer Vernon Dal-fired rones of country singer Vernon Dal-hart who has four versions of Great Ship included. Leadbelly's 1948 song The Titan-ic is also memorable for the implausible ic is also memorable for the implausible

2483 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario,

Leadbelly also features this month in a

months after the disaster in 1912.

Gascoyne and drummer Win-

ston Clifford.
With telling guest appearances from saxophonists Tim Garland and Christian Brewer and pianist Jonathan Gee. with a bag of original composi-tions ranging from sinuous blues and light funk to the brisk chases across neat, accommodating chord sequences favoured by hard bop, this is a highly auspicious debut from one of the UK's most versatile younger musicians.

NEW JAZZ ALBUMS

JOHN PATITUCCI (Concord Jazz CCD-4806-2) LIKE his label-mate, saxophonist Chris Potter (who alternates on tenor with Michael Brecker on this album), bassist John Patitucci is not only a world-class side man - most famously with Chick Corea but is also a fast-rising leader! composer in his own right. Eight of Now's ten tracks are

from his pen, ranging from the gently insistent Labor Day

through the swirling Espresso to the reflective solo-bass threnody Miya, and his use of what he terms the extra sonic space resulting from the presence of John Scoffeld's guitar in place of the more conventional key-board is particularly felicitous. With drummer Bill Stewart

underpinning Patitucci's big, booming bass sound, and with almost an embarrassment of riches in the soloing depart-ment, this is top-flight 1990s jazz rich and subtle, vigorous and unfussily virtuosic.

CHRIS PARKER

Great ship and good music

BLUES ALBUMS

ing of The Titanic was a recurrent theme in blues and country music between the wars. The stock song, It Was Sad When That Great Ship Went Down, was recorded under many different titles and by a variety of artists, both black and white. Many of them can be heard on Titanic Songs (TSCD-22798), a CD compiled by Canadian archivist Joe Showler which collects 15 songs recorded between which collects 15 songs recorded between 1928 and 1948 as well as three recorded by English singer Ernest Gray only a few resissue of the album he cut for Capitol records in Hollywood in 1944, Huddie Ledbetter's Best (Beat Goes On BGOCD403). With his 12-string guitar he powers his way through his best-known songs including Goodnight Irene, Ella Speed, Take This Hammer and Rock Isic is also memorable for the implausible but entertaining verse which has Captain Smith refusing black heavyweight boxer Smith refusing black heavyweight boxer Jack Johnson on board, thereby saving Jack Johnson on board, thereby saving his life. "I ain't hauling no coal," he tells him. [Available for \$20 from Joe Showler, him. [Available for \$20 from Joe Showler, him.] land Line. What blues writer Tony Russell calls Leadbelly's "elemental power and emotion" is also evident on the two solo piano tracks he recorded at the session. The Eagle Rocks and Eagle Rock Rag (basically the same number with vo-cals) recall, with their thunderously percussive rhythms, the music he played in

rural juke joints. Another blues legend. Big Bill Broonzy, has the cream of his prewar work collected on Warm, Witty 8 Wise (Columbia 489893 2). Although many of the tracks have been reissued before it's good to have classics like Just A
Dream, Southern Flood, I Can't Be Satisfied and Trucking Little Woman available again from one of the most dextrous guitar pickers and expressive vocalists of the 1930s and 1940s.

A decade or so later the home of deep soul music was undoubtedly Memphis

Tennessee, and Stax Records, 5000 Volts of Stax (Stax CDSXD 116) collects tracks cut during that era, but which have until now remained unissued. Rufus Thomas applies his gruff, gutbucket vocals to the Johnnie Taylor hit. Who's Makin's Love, his daughter Carla tackles the William Bell and Judy Clay number My Baby Specializes, and Detroit bluesmen Little Sonnty tells us that Things Ain't Kosher. But the most poignant track is the instrumental Sissy, cut by the Bar-Kays in March 1967. Eight months later four of the sixstrong group would die in the plane crash that killed Otis Redding.

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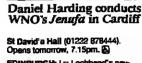
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ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Welsh National Opera opens its autumn season with a net production of Jeraufa with Rosalind Sutheritard and Nigel Robson heading the cast in Janécek's eerie with Katre Mitchell directing he



EDINBURGH: Lz. Lochhead's nev cornedy Britannia Rules follows three Clydebank evecuses and a girl from the "Big Hoose" from the Second World War to Coronation

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Hanks sters with Edward Burns, Matt Demon and Tom Sizemore.

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C) CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: First production of the Steam Industry's many Distribute Season; Phil Willmott directs Rodney Ackland's version of Oostoevsky. Finborough (0171-373 3842).

☐ PERSONALS; Love via the email ads: British premiers for New York comedy musical revue by the learn ent on to write Fri New End, NW3 (0171-794 0022). D PHEDRE: Diana Rigg heads a superb cast in Jonathan Kent's production of Racine's tragedy. N

translation by Ted Hughes. Albery (0171-369 1730). TI VIA DOLOROSA; David Hare Daldry directs, Duke of York's (0171-565 5000), (5) Wison's performence as Diana Viseland, the Vogue diva, earned her an Oble Award on Broadway, Hempstreet. Man?

stead, NW3 (0171-722 9301).



Rigg tackled the role of Phèdre for the second time and got it right, or as right as any performance of Racine's jaggedly wired queen could reasonably or unreasonably be expected to be.

That wasn't the case 20 years ago at the Old Vic. partly because she was acting in a production which suggested that Racine's first name was Rudyard, oot Jean. The play had been transposed from the timelessness of Troezen to British India, not a place obviously associated with big, mythic passions. You never felt that Phèdre saw her love for her stepson Hippolytus as a malignant disease, still less that she was some tormented cancer padent, desperately failing to gouge out her growth with her own hands.

But that's how Racine, even more than Euripides before him, saw the lady's plight, and that's how Rigg plays her. She stumbles into Maria Bjornson's tall, murky reworking of the antechamber where neo-classical tragedies unerringly occur, her dress long and black, her face creased and white beneath a straggle of red hair. Bent and bunched, she moves slowly forward, hugging the wall as if she hopes to disappear into it or is literally enough blind with love not to know her way. She huddles beneath a bank of cloudy panes through which sun-light thinly slants, and, when she speaks, it is with disbelieving anger at her own irresistible humiliation.

If she misses anything, it is what she caught last time out, the pathos of an older woman yearning for a sensationally unsuitable younger man.



Now the horror of incest and betrayal dominates a performance which, however, never seems samey.

There is, after all, nothing monotonous or monochrome about a cornered, sickly but still dangerous ti-ger; and that's what Rigg is when she snarls, chokes or walls out her love, first to her confidente Oenone, and then, adding an all-too-human des-pair, to Toby Stephens's appalled Hippolytus. It is a performance to match her recent Medea: unsentimental to the point of being feral and, like Jonathan Kent's production as a whole, too intense to be accused of being overblown.

The company comes from Islingion's Almeida and, if its impending staging of Racine's Britannicus is as strong, one wonders whether the Albery's walls will survive the strain. After all, the supporting players don't only include Stephens, who (rightly) leaves us feeling that Racine's Hippol-ytus is a sturdier, bolder man than Euripides's prim. frigid original. Barbara Jefford, herself a notable

Phêdre in her day, is a fine, fierce Oenone. Julian Glover's Theseus is a majestic brute. And David Bradley's Theramene, his face spotlit as black thunderclouds gather outside, rivets you with his description of the grotesque results of that curse.



Wild at heart: Diana Rigg as Phèdre with Toby Stephens as Hippolytus in the Almeida's staging of Racine

The translator is none other than Ted Hughes, at whose opening colloquialisms some may quail. "Life here in Troezen is extremely pleasant," announces Hippolytus, "but I can't hang around doing nothing." Well. Racine's simple yet stately Alexan-

n the small auditorium at

the Norwegian National Theatre a large scenic

backdrop hung upon the wall.

It would have served well for

an old-fashioned production of

Brand. And indeed an actress

with a copy of Ibsen's play did

start reading its stage direc-

tions at one point. The Oslo au-

dience seemed to be in for a

generous helping of middle-pe-

riod Ibsen. In fact they were

watching a new play about

Ludvig Wittgenstein, Cam-

bridge's Austrian philosopher.

who spent long periods of his

life in Brand country, living a

hermit's life on the Sognefiord.

gian dramatist Cecilie Leveid

and is called Austria after Witt-

about Brand himself. Commis-

sioned by the National Thea

Ibsen for this year's Interna-

playwright found the going dif-

The play is by the Norwe-

drines are probably impossible to our era. As Hippolytus says: "When render in English but, as it turns out. Hughes's direct, unfussy lines grab the attention in the right way only. They liberate the actors to show us neo-classicism's prevailing wisdom and a moral not without aptness in

passion boils, reason evaporates."

NIGHTINGALE This review appeared in late editions yesterday

A right royal mismatch

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies he National Theatre of oddiny from Spike Lee, with Dencel Washington, Ray Allen, and Aaron Copland's music. THE LAST DAYS OF OISCO (15): Desmond Wordy entanglements of college graduates in a New York dance to Fine cost, good period sounds, to no pep. What Salman directs Chi THE HORSE WHISPERER (12): Increasingly faluous adaptation of Nicholas Evana's best-seller about healer of damaged horses and a smart New Yorker. Robert Redford

directs and stars with Kristin Scott THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG), Name scientist gets drawn into a contrick. Spry entertainment from wnter-director David Marnet, with

LE BOSSU (15): Enjoyable French swashbuckler, with Deniel Autouil at the swordsman determined to bring down Fabrice Luckini's upstart.

THE X-FILES (15): Mulder and Scuth tumble upon an extra-terrestnet virus Moro an extended TV episode than a blockbuster movie Wittl David Duchovny and Gilian Anderson.

Brent (founder, artistic director, chief execu-Olivier Dingle) went into hibernation ten years ago, to the grief of all lovers of judicious mockery. The company was due to make its comeback last autumn with this not-wholly-respectful tribute to the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, but when the real world inter-

vened it was postponed. A year later Mr Dingle (sometimes known as Patrick Barlow) has sensed that the National Mood of Britain will now permit his particular quality of tribute, and grateful audiences can therefore watch this royally romanoc tale unfold. from that fateful order uttered the Prince's Majestical Mother ("Marry!") through the years of discordance to the last-chance meeting of the di-

Love Upon the Throne Bush, W12

vorced couple in Savile Row -'Goodbye, then." "Goodbye." Mr Dingle's po-faced concern to educate his audience is, as always, let down by a range of absurd shortcomings. First, the NTOB company consists only of himself and his anxious assistant, Raymond John Ramm), and the two of them must therefore play not only the principal characters but all the other royals as well.

Then Mr Dingle's language skills are fatally undermined, on the one hand by his awestruck veneration for royalty. so that such words as "beauteous", "licge" and "unbe-knownst" weigh down his speeches, while on the other

hand both he and Raymond consistently come a cropper on titles, forget cues and general-

glement.

JEREMY KINGSTON | rived on the scene. Løveid calls

Ibsen

Having isolated himself in this remote corner of Europe. Wittgenstein gives way to loneliness and writes to a young woman in Vienna, asking her to join him. The play shows her arrival, her unfulfilled relationship with him and her departure. Their relationship has been crippled because Wittgenstein mourns a young Englishman who died at 20. The final character in the play is the young gardener who

rows Wittgenstein's fiancée to and from his remote cabin. The bride to be is named Agnes, after Brand's wife. The dramatist also underscores the parallel between the two couples in other ways. Above all, there is Wittgenstein's psychological similarity to Ibsen's hero: both commit themselves to their missions on an all-ornothing basis, and both find that dedication a torment. But in the end this play belongs to Wittgenstein and to the wom-

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chestrated the performance with great care and kept the and Gørild Mauseth's Agnes. As Løveid's plays are invariably translated into English. productions here should soon

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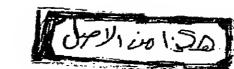
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It's Monty's grave new world

f you pull out a newspaper, particularly a tabloid, in the shunle lounge at Heathrow, Belfast or Glasgow airports you could quickly be engaged in conversation by a dapper figure with an Ulster accent and an inordinate interest in what you are reading. He'll want to know in detail what you liked about today's paper and which stories you read.

"If I am in the Belfast lounge if

"If I am in the Belfast lounge I don't need an introduction. They know me once t start talking But they don't know me in Scotland and I only say who I am if they ask. I just strike up a conversation," says David Monigomery, chief executive of the Mirror Group, publishers of The Mirror, Sunday Mirror The People, Scottish Daily Record and the Racing Post.

He avoids the business-class lounge, where the papers are free, to conduct research among the newspaper-buying classes. In an age of gently declining national newspaper circulations he finds his airport conversations encouraging. People, he discovers, like their papers, believe them to be good value, carry them around and refer to them, and have strong opinions about the world.

The thing that distinguishes all newspaper readers is that they are individuals who make up their minds about life. Regrettably, it's the people who don't read newspapers who need help in this country." says Montgomery.

From his ad hoc research and the appearance of his victims, Montgomery believes it is impossible to distinguish, in class terms, the readers of The Mirror, the Record, Daily Moil or The Express from each other. It lends support to his theory that The Mirror should not just be in a struggle with The Sun but should be targeting the entire tabloid market with a Mirror that treats the main stories of the day In a more serious manner.

"All middle-class readers are polential readers of The Mirror," says Montgomery, who admits that he interfered editorially last week over a Mirror headline. He didn't like the way the plan to move News at Ten was headlined by a series of front page "Bongs". It was out of kilter, he thought, with the new. more serious Mirror.

"I like amusing headlines. I made my living writing them for a while. But let's be witty and stylish at the same time if the paper is be-coming more serious." he says.

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Montgomery points to The Mir-ror's coverage of the Swissair crash to illustrate what he means. The Sun, he points out, printed a colourful version of the last minute in the cockpit of the doomed plane when the paper couldn't have known what happened. The Mirror didn't. There has also been, Montgomery says, a fall in complaints about the paper. And recently when the editorial management heard there were allegations that a reporter had broken into a house in search of information the allegations were taken to the police. "There is a culture

upert Murdoch is not

known as a philanthropist. He is simply a

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chester United — in just the same way that British Airways, Brinsh Telecom and thousands of other companies

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What is more, the intended purchase of Manchester Unit-

ed by a media group will be the first of several in this coun-

Such an acquisition is a logi-cal fit for a broadcaster and it

comes as no surprise that Carl-

ton Communications is in

Whether we like it or not.

sport is business and has been since the time when a Second

Division club called Newton

Heath went bankrupt and ceased at the end of the 1901-02

season - only to be reformed as Manchester United.

funded a facelift that was long

talks with Arsenal.

The wild days of The Mirror are over, says chief executive David Montgomery. It's now upfront and a very serious tabloid. Ray Snoddy asks if the culture change can work

stories beyond where you can stand them up. Instead you use your brains to project them in an exciting and dramatic fashion." says Mont-

There is impressive posthumous support for the new line, Viscount Rothermere told a friend just before his death earlier this month that he though! The Mirror was a much improved newspaper and perhaps more of a competitive threat,

Today the latest circulation figures are expected to show that for the third month running there has been a modest Mirror sales rise of a few thousand - hardly anything to cheer about but, if confirmed, evidence of greater stability in the market. Yesterday the Mirmr Group was able to announce an 11 per cent



increase in profits, before tax and exceptional items, to £49 million in the six months to July 5 on turnover that was up only 2 per cent.

It was a brief moment of respite, if you believe the headlines, for a chief executive who is on the way out following the fiasco of the postponed relaunch of The Sporting Life. This follows the acrimonious sacking of its prelaunch Editor John Mulholland, formerly of The Guordian, and the apparent lack of a future strategy after the decision by the Axel Springer group of Germany not to go ahead with a formal bid for the Mirror Group.

Montgomery, a former sub-edi-tor on the Daily Mirror and Editor of Today, and The News of the World, says he is getting on with his strategy of reducing the group's dependence on national newspapers and contesting what he beieves are damaging and inaccurate articles about the group's affairs.

The reporting is extreme and is intended to do companies commercial damage." says Montgomery, who has visited Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, to see if anything can be done, although he has not made a formal complaint against any individual newspaper. Lord Wakeman, it is believed, plans to write to editors to see whether there is general concern about how newspapers cover the affairs of rivals.

The combative Montgomery is most incensed about the coverage

now developing that you don't push of The Sporting Life affair: "We had an editor who found his work (on a dummy edition) was criticised not by us, he was supported by us.
But the first research results found that it lacked vitality and that seems to have been a flashpoint. The other flashpoint was that he was asked to do bener and the next day we read

about it in The Guardion."

John Mulholland insists he was allowed to hire people after the decision had been taken to postpone the launch, Yesterday Victor Blank, the Mirror chairman, said the company hoped to research formats for a new Sporting Life in the autumn. It will he a broadly based daily designed to cover the lifestyle of sports fans rather than just being a "jockstrap" publication.

"It will take into account the fact that some days of sport are busier than others and that you don't have to be the same size every day or the same price," Montgomery says.

ut this week's battle is against Tony O'Reilly. chairman of the Independent group, publishers of both The Independent in Britain. and the Irish Independent. In an interview, O'Reilly heaped blame on his former partners at The Independent, the Mirror Group. His company had wanted to invest in the future of The Independent and the Mirror vetoed it, says O'Reilly.

"Total crap," says Montgomery, "because the collective board of The Independent made a decision last year to invest in the relaunch - not The Independent, not The Mirror but the board, backed by management, and we gave Andrew Marr (the former Editor) the money and the board backed that.

"At the last moment I said that the dummy stinks and we shouldn't do this but it went ahead because we couldn't pull back, and it didn't work. Tony O'Reilly was always at my shoulder saying every business could be downsized and although we want a quality product we don't want to pay any more for it." Montgomery says he loves his

job and will stay on as long as the board and shareholders want him. He also says he is more proud of the Mirror titles than at any time in the past. "I am much happier with them today than I would have been five years ago and through my earlier career with Mirror Group," he says. "I felt they were too dependent on history and were living on their laurels. Now we have editors with minds of their own who want to change their papers and leave their stamp on them, and that modernising process is more fulfilling for everybody in the company."



David Montgomery, chief executive of the Mirror Group: 'All middle-class readers are potential readers of The Mirror'

Heads I win, tails I win



Big business takes over on the terraces: Michael Green, of Carlton, is in talks with Arsenal, while Rupert Murdoch is moving in on Manchester United's Old Trafford, centre

Media tycoons running sports super-teams is nothing unusual, says Richard Russell

As a result, we no longer have just one of the better leagues in Europe, but the aptive named Premier League. It is a league for which Canal Plus and Mark McCormack's International Management Group nanonal Management Group paid £100 million for a threeyear contract to sell its rights internationally.
What are the implications of

arguably the world's most famous club propelling itself into the hands of the world's most famous media baron?

First, BSkyB gets a Premier League "insurance policy" and a "heads I win, tails I win" clause in advance of the forthcoming investigation by the Restrictive Practices Court. Secondly, and on

premise that a European Super League or revamped Champions' League will defi-nitely happen. BSkyB, by vir-tue of owning Manchester United, would be in a position 10 have both an input into the format of the new competition and instant access to its tele-

vision rights. The same would apply. of course, to Carlton should it acquire Arsenal.

Thirdly, because Manchester United is the world's bestknown football club, ownership would help Mr Murdoch to attract subscribers worldwide. BSkyB's existing agree—By owning Manchester need a situation whereby, for AND THE PERSON AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON ADDRESS OF THE PERSON AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON ADDRE

ment with the Premier League comes under the scrutiny of the Restrictive Practices Court in early January with the charge that the Premier League acted as a "cartel" by negotiating en-bloc for its constituent clubs.

The deal, due to expire at the end of the 2000-01 season, could well be deemed unaccentable by the court, which would have the power to strike out the agreement and ban any such collective agreements in future. There is no aopeal on matters of fact from the court.

United, BSkyB immediately becomes privy to oll discussions on both sides of all future negotiating tables. Similarly, in 2001 or earlier,

should the court decide, BSkyB would hold a very strong card should the Premier League opt to start its own channel.

Should the court rule the existing agreement to be anticompetitive, then BSkyB is again a winner by owning the Premier League's most prestigious club and all associated

rights. That said, football does example, BSkyB - a satellite broadcaster - owns and controls Manchester United whereas Arsenal, for example, is owned by Carlton Communications - an analogue terres-

trial and digital rerrestrial broadcaster. Logically, the march at Old Trafford would be pay-per-view on BSkyB, with the Highbury fixture shown on terrestri-

television. Exclusivity would, therefore, become synonymous with a club rather than a league, as at present.

in Switzerland. Additionally, the Parisian For some time now the European Commission has been team also advertises the Canal Plus brand on its shirts. In Itaconcerned with "cartels" and

"anti-compensive practices", with the effect that leading football clubs in Italy. France and Germany are now seeking or being directed to negotiate independently.

The acquisition of football several years.

clubs is a business philosophy that has existed elsewhere for Canal Plus - a highly successful pay television broadcasier across Europe — has a

controlling interest in Paris Saint-Germain and Servette,

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ly, Silvio Berlusconi controls AC Milan as well as all three commercial broadcasters. In America, the Disney Cor-

poration — which controls both the ABC terrestrial net-work and the ESPN cable outlets — owns a National Ice Hockey League team (Ana-heim Mighty Ducks), plus Ma-jor League Baseball's Ana-

heim Angels. Murdoch's investments includethe Los Angeles Dodgers (baseball), the LA Kings lice hockey). New York Knicks (basketball) and the New York Rangers (ice hockey).

As a further part of the deal, Canal Plus has acquired the exclusive worldwide television rights - including those for free-to-air, pay and pay-perview, to Juvenitus, Internazion-ale and AC Milan from September 1999 until June

Additionally, Juventus will wear the D+ logo of Canal Plus's Italian digital service during Serie A matches and the Tele+ logo for Champions

able, therefore, that when a

broadcaster such as BSkyB buys the biggest club in the

land, we have concerns.

BSkyB could, by owning the

country's biggest club, offer its

home matches on pay-per-

view via MUFC, which was

launched yesterday, and charge any price it chooses.

But the economic maxim of

supply and demand will always exist and it is in BSkyB's

best interest to make viewing financially attractive. Canal Plus, which has more than ten million analogue and

digital subscribers across Europe and Africa, has already

moved some way ahead of Murdoch when it comes to its

involvement in European foot-

nounced that on behalf of its

90 per cent-owned Tele+ outlet in Italy, it has acquired the pay television and pay-per-

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n addition to controlling

Servene and Paris Saint-Germain, it has just an-

League games.
AS Roma, who finished fourth last season - and qualified for the Uefa Cup - is not included and have reportedly been put up for sale.

• Richard Russell is the writer and publisher of the independpasketball) and the New York ent monthly publication sports Television: The Ever It is perfectly understand- Changing Face

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Hard lesson when Mirror dog bites dog

do their jobs day without any understanding of how their daily work will affect the lives of the subjects

of their reports. As Simon Hoggart noted in The Guardian last week, to most of us - even those in the trade news is something out there, something we look on through a glass screen.

It is not often, therefore, that journalists find themselves on the other side of that glass screen and at the sharp and suffering end of the newspaper craft. Yet as Tim Hames, a leader writer on The Times and co-author of the Demos pamphlet Modernising the Monarchy, which made front page headlines on Sunday and Monday, discovered this week, it is hard work being the subject of a hot news story. A journalist quickly learns sharp lessons about the modern media industry when he becomes poacher turned gamekeeper and Hames is now a sadder and wiser man.

One of those lessons, now that there are so many national and local radio and TV stations and newspapers have grown so big. is the insatiable appetite of modern news editors. They need to fill all those hours with talk or all those empty editorial pages with new articles - and a controversial subject such as the Royal Family is manna from a news

editor's heaven. That was the hard work, even in the cause of self-promotion. On Monday, Hames's day started at the BBC's Radio Oxford at 6.30am, took in The Jimmy Young Show, and ended at 10.30pm with BBC Radio North. By the end of the day he had given nearly 50 interviews. He had also spoken to audiences in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Before



that he had written articles for The Independent on Sunday. The Times and Newsweek. Another saddening lesson is

that journalists rarely write the story that the subject had in mind - which is why experts often complain that when they read about their subject in newspapers, journalists always get it wrong. Space is always tight, which means that most reports will merely skim the contents of a policial

'Hames was surprised by the spin the tabloids gave it - which was not the spin he wanted'

pamphlet, and journalists will also seek the angle on a story that will deliver the most arresting headline, As a journalist himself.

Hames knew the spin that he and co-author Mark Leonard wanted to put on the Demos pamphlet. They did not want the story to appear on the dead news day of Saturday. So they deliberately embargoed the report for Monday, meanwhile agreeing a scoop with The In-dependent on Sunday. It was a good deal for both parties. Hames and Leonard got 1,500 words to tell their own unedited story, most of another page was given over to an analysis of the pamphlet, and The Inde-

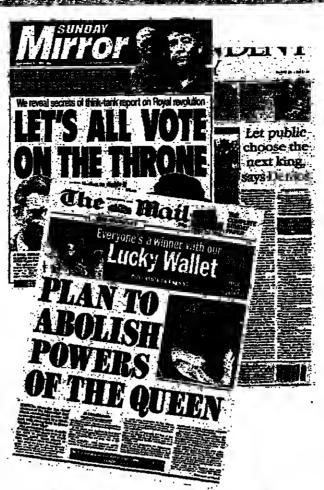
pendent on Sunday commissioned a MORI poll to flesh the story out. The IoS knew that it had a potential front page splash in the bag. Even professional spin-

doctors, however, find that journalists aren't lapdogs. So did Hames. He thought the best angle was MORI's finding that 60 per cent of the British thought the monarchy should be modernised - and that 49 per cent believed the Queen should relinquish her political role. On the day, however, Kim

Fletcher, Editor of the loS, decided differendy. Influenced by newspaper readers' complaints about the saturation coverage of the anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, only a week earlier. which had also included many opinion polls, he decided to splash on a report that doctors would not be allowed to prescribe Viagra on the NHS, instead of the Demos pamphlet. He then decided to lead Hames's story on the angle of a veto on the succession of Prince Charles instead of the

opinion poll. Hames was "flabbergasted". His response was to call The Mail on Sunday where he briefed political correspondent Chris McLaughlin, who was preparing a long article on the pamphlet. It was a successful stratagem. Hames was quoted comprehensively in the article published across two pages next morning and the paper led its front page on the story, as did the Sunday Mirror.

Hames was also surprised by the spin the tabloids gave to their stories - which was certainly not the spin that he had wanted. He is no left-wing radical but a Conservative. Yet all the tabloid reports said that plans" for the "virtual abolition" of the monarchy had



Big splash: the reaction to Tim Hames's royal pamphlet

been unveiled by a think-tank with strong links to Tony Blair".

It is difficult to fault the accuracy of such reports. They are both true and not quite true. Yes, Geoff Mulgan, the founder of Demos, works in Downing Street. But he did not write the report and Hames suspects he was even embarrassed by it. Yes, some Demos reports have been influential in the making of new Labour policy and, yes, Tony Blair probably sympathises with some of the pamphlet's milder recommendations. But the Prime Minister was almost certainly unaware of the pamphlet and Downing Street

quickly distanced him from it. Harnes admits ruefully that he was perhaps naive to expect better but says nevertheless that some of the reporting was flagrantly and knowingly dishonest" in its desperation to

convert the pamphlet into a

new Labour enterprise. Yet whatever the distortions, the amount of coverage Modernising the Monarchy received was a remarkable tribute to the power of the political pamphlet. If the ideas espoused by Demos took root, said Polly Toynbee in The Guardian, historians may look back and mark its pamphlet as one of the stations on the road to abolition. The print order was only 500 but some of its main recommendations have now, thanks to newspapers, been read by millions.

Yet for Hames, the leader writer, the greatest joy of his five minutes of fame was being described by Toynbee as a "political theorist". His next pamphlet is being written for Politeia on the British constitution. He will be lucky, he says. if that gets reported on page two of the Financial Times.

Money talks louder than loyal fans

SkyB had a huge stroke of hick on Wednesday that had little to do with being able to announce a recommended E623.4 million offer for Manchester

The financial negotiations were tense and went into extra time as Greg Dyke, the club's non-executive director, managed to get an impressive away result for the "Red Devils" by blocking the move until another £50 million or so was added to the purchase price.

Outplaying merchant bankers is one thing, getting a result on the pitch at Old Trafford quite another. If Charlton had beaten Manchester United in the Premiership match on Wednesday night the fans would had a lot more to boo

As Manchester United won 4-1. it can safely be predicted that Mar-tin Edwards, the Manchester United chief executive, will now not be strung up by his supporters and, as long as the club manages to keep winning over the next few weeks, there will indeed be a new era in British football.

Some people see difficulties in

my writing about BSkyB's bid be-cause, as the rest of the media enjoys pointing out, The Times is owned by News International, which in turn owns 40 per cent of the satellite broadcaster. But it is very easy to gather together a few

facts to set beside the emotion and hysteria. An unnamed supporter put it well on Wednesday from the fans point of view: "The romance that started with the Munich air crash [that killed several of the Busby Babes] ended tonight."

The comment seems at first sight to hold a sad truth: the Manchester United that was "owned" by the fans and is a natural expression of their hopes and fears is now just something to be snapped up by an international media empire with complex motives.

In fact, if money is the antithesis of romance, the romance died not this week but in 1991 when Manchester United was floated on the Stock Exchange and money started to talk loudly. From that moment, the main responsibility of directors was to represent the interests of shareholders rather than of fans, and they had a legal responsibility to agree to an offer that compares favourably with the less than £20 million the club was worth a

The next criticism BSkyB faces is that it will either run the club into the ground and

extract more and more money from the supporters or will invest too much money and make Manchester United too powerful in the League.

The first is much less likely than the latter. It is massively in the satellite company's interest for the club to be a winner, but it would also be financially damaging if the Premier League were to become the boring, predictable plaything of a few large clubs.

But would owning Manchester United give BSkyB a "stranglehold" on Premier

League television rights as the conventional wisdom goes? It is difficult to see how this would work, despite Manchester United's obvious influence, because each of the 20 clubs has a single vote and

there is no reason for them all to do one club's bidding.

The Office of Fair Trading should and will thoroughly investigate the deal - in particular the increased vertical integration in-

volved. Manchester United, the BSkyB subsidiary, will be selling its football rights to its parent company. The claim that Manchester United will be free to de-cide to whom to sell its rights. does not seem credible. A condition of the deal going

through should be that in Premier League negotiations on television rights Manchester United will be allowed to express its view but will not have a vote on any proposal. Apartfrom that, it is not easy to see on what competition grounds the deal would be blocked. After ail, Canal Plus, the French pay TV company, already owns the leading French club Paris Saint Germain, apparently in harmony with European competition law.

Ithough nobody is admitting it in public, the deal is primarily an insurance policy to salvage at least something if the Restrictive Practices Court rules next year that the present agreement between BSkyB; the BBC and the Premier League is illegal, or if in 2001, when the television rights deal expires, the clubs decide to buy satellite space and transmit their own football channels, cutting out the middleman.

If the Manchester United acquisition is cleared by the regulators, other digital television operators will be piling into the market just in case.

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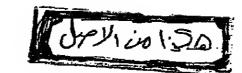
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t is six in the evening and Channel-3 is putting together its nightly news bulletin, Stolitza. This is television in its nightly news in its pioneering prime. The studio backdrop has been lashed up from a slat-ted window blind and the presenter, Ange-la Askabova, has to sit on a stack of books to tring her up to camera level. Angela, 26, is also the station's general manager and news editor.

Channel-3 is the independent television station for Syktyvkar (population: 250,000), the capital of the Komi Republic in Russia's frozen north.

Across the country - from Siberia to the Black Sea - there are an estimated 500 city-based stations, pumping out a daily are of news, features, quizzes, soaps, movies and commercials. Competing against the two state networks, ORT and RTR, state-financed regional channels and a number of independent networks, they are an expression of both democracy andcapitalism. Today their role has never been more important - or more threat-

Such stations started almost by accident Most Russian apartment blocks have a master antenna on the roof which transmits programmes to individual flats. Entrepreneurial occupants realised they could relay tapes of pirated films and American soaps plucked from the sky to theu neighbours for a small charge. Add to this a camcorder for some personalised linking material and you have a television

Russia's pioneering city television is fighting for survival, says Michael Delahaye

From that it is a small step to hire or hoist a transmitter, and beam farther afield.

Channel-3's six-hour evening schedule is a respectable mix of the bought-in, sponsored and home-grown. But its flagship is its nightly news.

Tonight's bulletin comprises six stories: a local opera diva has returned from a masterclass in Moscow: a saw mill is installing new Western machinery; there have been a couple of killings; and, for the republic's border guards, today is an excuse to get well lubricated on their annual

The entire package will be prerecorded two hours before broadcast. Fortunately there aren't many breaking stories in Syktyvkar. In fact, during July and August the news service closes

Channel-3's half dozen reporters, all women in their twenties, are skilled journalists and almost all of them are familiar with working on computers. The three cameramen lack formal training, but they turn in broadcast-quality material using



New television stations in Russia, such as Channel-3, sometimes find that the struggle to stay on air is at the cost of their hard-won independence

Super-VHS cameras costing a tenth of the Sony Betacams favoured by the "big

boys". Channel-3 is one of the more accurate of the home-grown stations. It is lucky in having a local university with a progressive faculty of journalism from which to recruit.

For 70 years in Russia a "journalist" was someone who lightly edited the latest government handout and, in their approach to reporting, many city-based stations still take their cue from the old Soviet handbook. The result can be a visual version of Pravda, with a rejuctance to humanise social issues and focus on individuals. Nor do stations always distinguish between news and adverts. Paying to appear in a news item is not unknown.

Few stations can live by commercials and sponsorship alone. Unlike in Britain, where television advertising is more lucrative than both print and radio, in Russia it is the cheapest of the three. A station is doing well if it gets more than \$100 for a oneminute slot in prime time. And often the payment will be not in cash, but in barrer. Many stations end up doing a deal with their local municipality for subsidised accommodation or a contribution to operating costs. In return, the authorities may demand a right of access to the airwayes. which can come dangerously close to editorial interference.

The only other source of income is the sale of airtime to candidates in Russia's seemingly endless local, parliamentary and presidential elections. At up to \$500 a minute, it can prove irresistible. Some stations generate more than half their income this way. But there are dangers: at best, pressure on the station to be less than impartial; at worst, the inclusion of paid-for propaganda within news bulle-

In the present economic climate, a national shake-out is inevitable. Some larger Russian cities now have five or more local channels, and a station has to broadcast for most of the evening to hold its audience. There are only three options: show pirated material (risky), produce its own

programmes (costly), or sign up with a "network provider" to fill the hole, often in return for a stake in the company.

TNT, part of the influencial Media-Most Group, which also owns Russia's best-known independent channel, NTV, is one of the newest - and most aggressive network providers. It already has about a hundred stations on its books and owns a few of them outright. Its latest acquisioon is Syktyvkar's Channel-3.

Once part of a group, it is even harder for the city-based stations to maintain their freewheeling independence.

Igor Malashenko, NTV's general direc-

tor, denies they would ever use their TNT affiliates as political tools: "We always advise our partners to be as distanced or detached from political parties as much as they can."

Yel during the 1996 presidential elec-tions, NTV — along with most other broadcasters — was seen as actively promoting Boris Yeltsin's candidacy against the Communists. The charitably inclined argue that this support was less for Mr

Yeltsin than for Russia's fledgeling democracy, as represented by Mr Yeltsin.
Mr Malashenko believes that there

would be no justification for supporting in-dividual candidates next time: "I do not think that in the year 2000 the choice is going to be as dramatic or as historical as it was in 1996, when there was soll a threat of some return to Communism."

That was before the political turmoil of recent weeks. Mr Malashenko and his colleagues in the independent sector may yet find themselves forced into a more overtly political role. For the city-based stations. though, the more immediate worry is less of editorial compromise than of financial ruin as Russia's market economy selfdestructs. The only consolation will be journalistic: that of living in interesting times. Certainly there will be no lack of news for the evening bulletins.

 Michael Delahaye's visit was financed by the Know How Fund, and organised by The Thomson Foundation and Internews

You've read the magazine, now see the TV show

ext Thursday at 11.05pm a small yet important revolution will tale place on Channel 4. For the irst time on British terrestrial elevision, a magazine - the trendy style and culture monthly Dazed and Confused - will broadcast its own pro-

gramme, under its own name. Although the BBC has been lucratively spinning-off magazines from programmes for years, the independent Television Commission has prevented commercial channels from turning the formula on its head and devising programmes based on magazines, for feir that publishers would simply create extended advertisements for their titles.

This ban was lifted from cable and satellite channels a year ago, and from terrestrial channels two veeks ago, after intense pressure from publishers including Vichael Heseltine, the former President of the Board of Trade and a direc-tor of Haymarket Publishing. The only proviso was that "masthead" programmes did not carry exactly the same content as the publications they were based on, and that references to the publications were kept to a minimum

Viewers will soon be watching programmes based on popular publications. Chris Ayres reports

will be a two-hour programme Dazed and Confused, its 27-year-old Editor, Jefferson Hack, and Rankin Waddell, a 33-year-old photographer.

The programme, a one-off, will be shown on Channel 4 on Thursday as part of its Renegade TV season, under the title Renegade TV gets Dazed. At its first public airing, at the Edinburgh Television Festival last month, Waddell told his audience that television was boring, particularly youth-orientated shows such as Chris Evans's TFI Friday. "Irony and irreverence are what programme-makers use to dis-

guise lack of content," he said. The ITC will be heartened to know that Waddell's attempt to right this is not an obvious advertisement for his magazine, In fact, it takes significant commitment to sit through the programme, given that much of it consists of interference and white noise crammed between tiringly arty short films.

demonstrate that television does not have to patronise, pi-geonhole and be comfortable.

but much of it looks disap-pointingly familiar. Hack and Waddell do, however, occasionally deliver some interesting material. There is a funny sketch by the comedian Paul Kaye, a serious documentary on musical minimalists presented by the singer Bjork, and a brilliantly eccentric profile of an organisation which plots custard-pie attacks on public figures such as Microsoft's Bill Gates. Apart from the occasional graphic of the word Dazed, there is no ob-

vious plug for the magazine. Whatever the viewing figures, Dazed and Confused has stolen a march on its competitors. Condé Nast, the publisher of Vogue and Vanity Foir, and Emap, which produces titles such as FHM and Just Seventeen, plan similar ventures. In its own dishevelled and slightly pretentious



way Dazed ond Confused has beaten them to it. Jefferson Hack and Rankin Waddell left their rivals standing in the dash to television The programme claims to The first to hit he screen Cable channel kicks off with a corker

THE dispute over BSkyB's bid for Manchester United is making a happy man of Paul Ridley, the former sports editor of The Sun.

Now chief executive of MUTV, the model of the sports of t world's first channel devoted to a football club, he spent the summer racking his bruits about how to grab some headlines for yesterday's

It was proving bugh — the chan-nel doesn't even have delayed rights to Premier League matches, and is filling airtime with cookery lessons from the club's Danish chef and dai-

ly footage of the lais' training.
Then the BSky# takeover broke, and the media has been beating down the studio loors, "It's been worth millions in marketing," he says. "We'll be presenting all sides of the controversy, interviewing fans; we're not like The Sun, pretending there's no resistance, or The Mirror. saying everyone's marching on Old Trafford." Long-term his dream is

simple: rights to Man United games.

ITN's presenters and top staff bave been told to pencil in Monday, January 4, for the replacement of News of Ten with News at

6.30pm: a sign of confidence that approval will be given by the Independent Television Commission for this historic change. But Richard Eyre, ITV's personable chief executive, who is masterminding the lobbying, is clearly better at appeasing advertisers than charming the politicians, the main opponents of

the move. He made a guest appearance at the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising council meeting late last week, to bring its members up to

In a further neat move, Eyre is cohosting a party with the ITC's chief



executive, Peter Rogers, to mark the publication of volume five of a mammoth history of ITV - just weeks before the commission-meets to say yes or no to the change.

■ VISCOUNT Rothermere's funeral this week (followed by a stylish champagne wake at the Savoy) was accompanied by much speculation about which editors will suffer as Paul Dacre flexes his muscles. But the real action is taking place a little further down the food chain. Max Hastings acted with dispatch on Monday: he removed Adam Ed-

wards, the Editor of ES, the Evening Stand-ard's Friday supplebe revamped it as a less laddish, more girlie read. It's an odd move since Edwards is matey with Rothermere's son

and heir, Jonathan, and was booked to play golf with him later this month near his country house in East Sussex.

The signs are that the new ES will be a meatier read, though as Edwards observes: "The paper has never solved this conundrum: is the Standard for commuters going out of London, or for those rushing in to Soho?" His take? "Soho definitely."

JOHN MULHOLLAND, whose efforts to breathe life into a new daily Sporting Life were scotched by David Montgomery, is joining The Observer as a deputy editor. Mulholland, former media editor of The Guardion. worked closely with Roger Alton, The Observer's new Editor. and although Observer journalists are worried about potential tension between their now two deputy edi-tors (Paul Webster is already in place), it would seem that since they are all from The Guardian, they are

likely to be team players.

Meanwhile, The Observer has announced another ten redundancies among journalists.

■ NEWS broke this week through penny-pinching Lord Hol-lick's United News & Media — that Channel 5 was notching up larger than expected losses.

I hope he didn't get to hear of yes-terday's jolly. All the staff at Channel 5's slick Covent Garden headquarters were invited to Chessington World of Adventure to bond on its rides. It's clearly hard work being modern and mainstream.

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f comedy is the new rock and roll, the maior labels — in this case the television companies have made it increasingly difficult for fresh performers to break into the business, Val Sampson writes.

It is now widely acknowledged in the TV industry that it is virtually impossible to get a sitcom made that does not have a star -name attached, or which doesn't adhere to a proven ratings-winning formula.

But as the original alternative comedians such as French and Saunders or Reeves and Mortimer become mainstream. TV comedy looks set to wither with-

out new blood. There is a glimmer of hope for new talent in the form of Comedy Notion, a latenight offering from BBC2. which begins its second 13-part ruo tonight at

Aimed at viewers in their twenthe young' ties, the series will showcase more than 70

performers, ranging from the avant-garde performance artist The Divine David and his impression of Christ on the Cross, to the quirky Shelagh Martin, wondering if dormice got their name by doing security at mouse discos.

An outlet for character-

based comedians rather than stand-up performers. the sketches have a raw feel, partly because much of the material is made on a limited budget and partly because some of the gags would never make it on to the screen before midnight. The biker, Jimmy James

(played by James Holmes). in therapy to deal with his PMT - pre-Millennial tension - makes probably the first jokes about Diana, Princess of Wales, on television. And there are references to sex and drugs that might make the National Viewers and Listeners' As-

sociation blanch. "There should always be TV your parents hate," says Jon Plowman, the BBC's

Head of Comedy Enlertainment. He is hopeful that some of the participants in Comedy Nation will continue the honourable tradition

"It is interesting to see the concerns of a different generation," says Plowman. We hope that at that time of night there are people watching who like edgier comedy, and who are tolerant of experimentation." Comedy Nation's produc-

of Monty Python by creat-

ing comedy that a younger

generation feels it owns.

ers have tried to operate an open-door policy. As well as cuit, a paragraph in Time Out requesting material re-

sulted in more than 300 sketches arriving at their office. In There has view of the show's smail budget, performers areasked to provide their own clothes and props.
The main ad-

vantage of this hand-to-mouth approach is the which new mate-

rial can get on air. Jon Plowman says: "The developnotorious. You talk to end-less people who say it took 18 months and we got a maybe. With Comedy Nation, a sketch that arrives on Monday may be on air the following Friday."

The chance to fail is one of the most crucial elements in the mix. The producers have been told that the question "is it trying something new?" is more important than "is it side-splittingly

Its success will be judged by the number of spin-offs. pilots or performers who make the transition to earlier timeslots. Two pilot shows have developed from the first series and one performer is already being groomed for bigger things. The achievement of Comedy Nation is opening the door and getting things on," Plowman says. "If the stuff is laugh-out-loud funny as well, I'll throw my hat

in the air."

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A job in radio may be less glamorous - and usually less well paid — than in television. its sexier younger sister. The attraction is that the free and

easy nature of chances young people to gain experience from the beginning. And after digital radio hits its stride next year, there will be more stations and more npportunides.

"It's a young industry, much vounger than

TV or newspapers," says Richard Hunongford, chief executive of Chrysalis Radio, which owns the five Heart and Galaxy independent stadons. "It attracts young people because it's immediate. If you have an idea in the morning you can get it on air in the afternoon."

You do not need a degree to succeed in radio - Mr Hunt-ingford does not have one. "It's more to do with creative talent." he says. "And you have to be adaptable. A lot of people think they're going to be the next Chris Evans and find that what they're good at is markering."

For other jobs in the business, training is needed. Radio iournalists need the same qualfications as in print and TV. For production and editing posts technical knowledge is fication helps to break into advertising sales or marketing.

How do I apply direct to a radio station?

The Radio Authority, the regulator of commercial radio, publishes a fact sheet. Careers in Broadcasting, with information and advice, and a Pocket Book with addresses and phone numbers of all commercial radio stadons and news services. Contact the Authority on 0171-430 2724 or www.radioauthority.org.uk

If you want to be a presenter, send a tape lo a stadon lo show off your on-air persona. Local independent and BBC stations get dozens of these each week, so their threshold of resistance is high. It helps if you can show commitment by having done unpaid work in hospital, community or studeni radio, or as a DJ. There are more than 300 hospital radio stations — so they provide experience in presenong, commentating and journalism. Several big names began their careers in hospital radio. Ring the Hospital Broadcasting Association on 01283 561111.

Community Radio is run by non-profitmaking groups to

support community and social objectives. For details ring the Community Media Association on 0114-279 5219. There are around 80 student stations and you need not be a media student to work at one. The annual conference of the Student Radio Association is attended by many industry executives seeking talent. Details from the Radio Academy (0171-255

2010]. Several groups of indetions have their own training schemes. Galaxy, for instance, runs a free course lasting ten weeks, largely aimed at the 15-17 age group, in Brister, Leeds and soon Birming-

ham. Ring 0117-901 0101. Emap radio, with 20 local stations, has new graduate recruitment and apprenticeship schemes, phone 0161-288 5000.

What about the BBC? BBC local stadons recruit in

a similar way as independent stations for junior posidons, but to aim higher you have to tackle the formidable bureaucracy of the BBC appointments system. It has a number of elite training schemes for graduates, always oversubscribed. BBC Regional Broadcasting received more than 2,000 applicarions last years for 13 places. BBC World Service has a specialised need for linguists and foreign affairs specialists on its language services. For details of all BBC job opportunides ring their interactive line page 696 or visit its website at www.bbc.co.uk/jobs

How do I find a course!

Several universities and colleges run degree courses in journalism or media studies that let students specialise in radio. There are also a number of postgraduate courses. For a list, get A Student's Guide to Entry to Media Stud-ies, published by UCAS (01242) 222444) at ElO. The Broadcast Journalism Training Council (0171-727 9522) has a list of 16 approved courses in radio journalism. Visit its website at

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Winfield, the number one cig-

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Most of it will go behind

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ntil 1973, legitimate radio was monopolised casts to an estimated internafour national networks, region-

al services, a network of local radio stations in large cities and the External Services. now the World Service. There were also a few offshore pirate

music stations. Licensed com-

mercial radio began in 1973. Now the Radio Authority licenses 219 local commercial stations and three national services: Classic, Virgin and Talk. Most specialise in music of a particular kind - rock. golden oldies, modern dance, and so on - and provide varying amounts of local news and information. The BBC's 38 local radio stations place more

mation. The BBC's nadonal networks are themed: Radio I has music for the young, Radio 2 serves the older generation. Radio 3 plays mainly classical music, Radio 4 is speech-based news, drama and current af-fairs - while Radio 5 gives a 24-hour service of news and

emphasis on news and infor-

BBC domesoc radio is fund-ed through the licence fee. The

The inside story

Digital radio

Digital transmission will allow much clearer sound quality than the present analogue system. New receivers will be needed to listen to digital progranimes. The technology allows many more stations to ex-

Existing BBC and commercial stations will be available on both digital and analogue for the next few years. The Radio Authority will license eight national digital commercial channels, including the three existing national services. Over the next few years local digital services will also be estab-

The producer organises the programme, decides on the running order, arranges studio guests and makes sure any taped material is to hand at the right time. In music programmes the DJ helps the producer to choose the records.

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tional audience of 138 million. editor, as on a newspaper, and is funded by the Foreign who will decide what stories need covering and assign reporters. In small local radio stations one person may cover a variety of jobs — producing. editing, newsreading, present-ing, researching and even going out with a tape recorder to report news stories or make

John Peel is a legendary figure as a DJ and presenter. The advent of digital radio will create many more stations - and more jobs - in a medium that is informal, immediate and included a station of the station of the

documentaries. National and foreign news come to local stations either from wire services, or from dedicated radio news providers who supply their own voice reports. Chief among them is Independent Radio News (IRN), a division of Independent Television News (ITN).

At least one technician is on duty during transmission time to keep the studio in working order. In commercial radio the advertising sales staff play a key role, providing the revenue to keep the company in business. They often operate on a group-wide basis. The job of the markeong department is to place the station in the public eye by organising publicity and participation in local

A Classic route to the top

Susannah Simons, presenter at Classic FM and executive of GWR radio group

Ms Simons studied first for the theatre but switched to radio and was accepted on a BBC training course and became a sound effects studio manager. "I spent a lot of time opening and closing doors. making rustling noises for sheets

and pretending to be a vampire," she recalls. "I had a wonderful time."

Her next joab was at Leeds, on a northern arts programme for Radio 3. When commercial radio began in 1973 she was recruited by Capital Radio. Then she joined the all-speech

the current affairs programme Tonight. After a stint with Radio 4 she went to Channel 4, where she joined the board of a company producing the channel's daily business programme. She johed Classic FM as a music presenter and now conducts a weekly inter-

view and is head of corporateliaison for the GWR group, the company that owns Classic and 30 local independent stations. Her advice to presenters: "Be prepared to start at the bottom. Be determined. Have your own personality and put it in the pro-



First Oxford, then the world

Sam Younger, managing director of BBC World Service

Mr Younger, an Oxford graduate with a degree in philosophy. politics and economics, worked first as deputy editor of the monthly journal Middle East In-

ternational. In 1979 he became a talks writer on the BBC World Service.

dealing mainly with the Middle East. In 1984 he became a current affairs produc-er for Radio 4, before returning to the World Service in various production roles. In 1987 he was made head of current affairs, then head of the Arabie Service.

"After nine months in the job. the Iraqis invaded Kuwkit and that put the Arabie Service at centre stage," he says. It meant that he caught the eye of senior executives and in 1992 he was made controller of the oversels services, then director of broadcasting and in 1994 managing director of the World Service.

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to secure the fights to Premier

The other main contender is BSkyB, which launches its

Sky Digital service on October

Sky hasan unveiled 80 chan-

nels, which will be available

across six different subscrip

digital will get off to a slow

start. According to Merrill Lynch. O'digital will reached

1.6 million subscribers by the

2003. actieving a 6.5 per cent penetration of households.

Sky Digital is predicted to beat

this, with 3.6 million subscrib-

There is still the feeling that

"I don't think I would be able to join the BBC today with the qualifications I had in 1979," he says. "Today were looking for more evidence of real commitment to broadcasting and journalism.

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oon packages.

"I always advise people to gr

ship with a newspaper or a radp station."

One last gasp from the tobacco giants

ONE effect of the Government's dithering over a ban on tobacco advertising is that the big tobacco companies have time to conduct one last

So don't be surprised by a new advernising blitz from Rothmans as it launches its Winfield brand in the UK this month. This week Rothmans handed that task to a grateful Saatchi & Saatchi, along with the European accounts for Rothman's King Size and Dunhill and Cartier ciga-



Rothmans: promoting Winfield through Formula One



vertising bang. Saatchi's ap-pointment is almost as much about the need to find future alternatives to mainstream advertising.

Gallaher. like Rothmans, has moved to sponsor Formula One with its Benson & Hedges brand. It has also briefly tried a contract publishing magazine for Silk Cut. Marlboro and Camel have led the push into leisure

But, now that the fuss about Bernie Ecclestone and Labour Party donations has died down, how long exactly has tobacco got? The EU directive banning tobacco advertising is expected to be passed in the next Parliamentary session. Poster ads will be banned in June 2000, press ads a year later (commercials are already banned]. Sponsorship is to be outlawed in 2003.

but sponsorship of worldwide events would be allowed to continue until 2006.

So, until then, expect the tobacco companies and their agencies to spend what they can - unless the Government manages to rediscoverits

Advertising agencies don't often fire their clients in the way they did in the good old arrogant 1970s. Margins are being constantly eroded, and they need the volume. As finding new business is an expensive, risky process, most agencies decide it's better to stick with the devil they know.

So, when Grey Advertis-ing's managing director. Steve Blamer, resigned his Matthew Clark client (Diamond White and Blackthorn ciders) and publicly expressed his anger, nne can only wonder what had been going on be-hind the scenes.

This is about principle," insisted Blamer, claiming his would go as public in the case client had "misled" the agency of Barclaycard's decision to and gone behind his back to look beyond BMP DDB, its seek new ideas from other agencies for Blackthorn cider. agency of nine years, for new ideas on its £15 million adver-For once the client hit back. Matthew Clark issued a state-Paul Parmenter, Barclay ment. claiming it had been card's marketing director, citforced to go public because of ed the Rowan Atkinson cam-

Blamer talking to the advertispaign that lasted six years and the don't put it off, put it "As a general point," the on ads that began last year as statement began mildly. "It is the case that a relationship behighlights of the exceptional advertising BMP produced. tween client and agency rare-So why look around, then? Looking forward to 1999, it is ly breaks down when good creative work is being generclear that this is an ideal time ated and it is the inability of for Barclaycard to consider Grey to produce excellent cresome new ideas. anve work to our standards

Ah, the Millennium! That's a relief. For a moment you - and that can then be executed - which is the nub of the iscould have thought mistakenly that the problem was Barclaycard's 22.9 per cent inter-Ouch! Looks like Grey came up with an idea that est rate and ElO annual they couldn't get on-air for lecharge, when new cards are gal reasons, Matthew Clark being launched with interest got fed up waiting, and started looking around. This rates as low as 9.9 per cent (AmEx Blue). Either way, the shows both how much prescurrent advertising's the fall sure the client is under in the

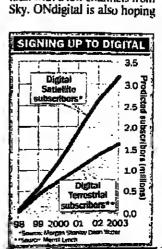
context of the cider market's well-publicised difficulties. Stefuno Hatfield is the Edi-And, how fragile so many cli-

AT presem, most consumers remain fairly clueless about digital TV (DTV), but in the coming weeks the main players are to wind up their subscriber-endcing campaigns. By the end of the year there should not be a TV-watching household in the land that has not heard the merits of digital.

So what is on offer? On terrestrial television we have ONdigital, a service owned by Carlton and Granada, which is planning a 15-channel service when it launches in the autumn. ONdigital's programming will come from BBC/ Flextech, the two ITV companies, with a few channels from

ers by 2013, according to Morgan Starrey Dean Witter. Earlierthis week, ITV urged the Government to decide on a switch-of date for analogue TV as early as possible. The Institute of Practitioners in Advertising (IPA), however, has given warning that it is too early to set a date for turning off the transmissions. The institute says that "to contemplate now a date when those viewers either unable or unwilling to buy into digital may be deprived of their analogue services seems unwarranted"...

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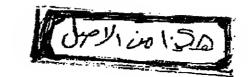
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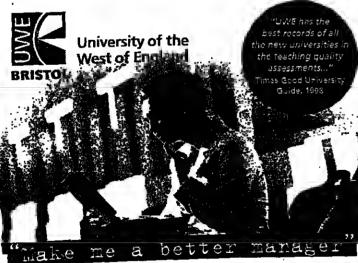
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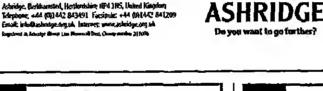
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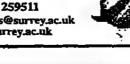
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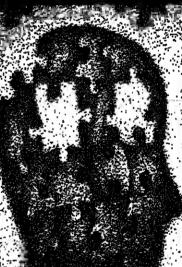
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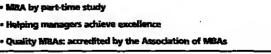
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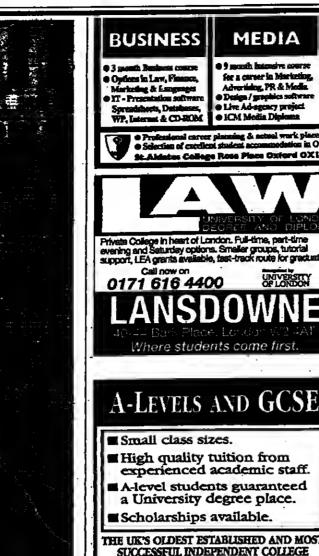
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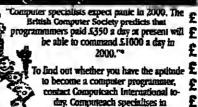
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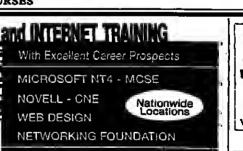
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That is the claim of companies

such as Edison, which already run

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cannot match even this track record. Nord Anglia has run inde-

pendent schools successfully and the non-profitmaking trust. CIBT,

is heavily involved in Lambeth Edu-

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don, as well as managing local ca-reers services, but neither has had

the chance to put theory into prac-

Hackney, in East London, may

yet steal Surrey's thunder by bring-

ing in CIBT as consultants to help

to run a failing primary school. The

project would mark another step to-

wards a mixed economy in state ed-

ucation, but would not involve a

Teaching unions are predictably

hostile to "creeping privatisation"

but, before long, a school some-

where is going to take the plunge.

been increasingly vocal in their criticisms of schools this summer,

and it is time to see whether busi-

ness methods can really make a

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Places at Edison's

25 schools are in de-

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ounty councillors in Surrey

make education history this

week when they delayed a decision

on whether to let King's Manor School in Guildford become the

first state school in Britain to be

ing closer to this breakthrough ever

since ministers outlined their plans

for education action zones more

than a year ago. Where the Con-

servatives feared to tread, Labour

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ment propaganda is to be believed, big business is already in

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In reality, however,

even those zones where business is

nominally in the lead

are not managed by

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kind may be invalua-

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raise standards, but

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volved would want to run schools,

contemplated in Guildford will

show whether schools really

would be better managed by the

private sector. The performance of

local authorities in many parts of

the country leaves them with little

to beat. The report on Calderdale local authority next week by Ofst-ed, the schools inspection authori-

ty, will be but the latest of a string

of examples of poor management.

Where reputable companies are

ready to step into the breach, they

should be given the opportunity to

do so. But on what terms? David

Blunkett. the Education and Em-

ployment Secretary, has stipulated

that they can make money from selling their services, as many now do,

but not from the process of education itself. If this means anything, it

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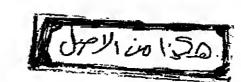
town hall budgets. Will parents re-

ey intended for schools.

Only an experiment such as that

way this month.

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THESTIMES EDUCATION

Catchment 22

Victoria Fletcher on children losing out when catchment areas change shape

ew issues in the increasingly liti-gious world of education arouse such passion among parents as school catchment areas. The rules governing school admissions, often thought - wrongly - to be a relic of previous decades, are as rigid as ever in many parts of the country and subject to regular challenge in the courts.

Families will spend hundreds of thousands of pounds to move into the "right" area to ensure a child's place in a popular school, with no certainty that the catchment area will remain unchanged. Others will invent false addresses, pretend to be moving into the area, or even rent to try to guarantee entry.

As hundreds of thousands of parents embark on this year's round of school open days, the system is under increasing strain. The Funding Agency for Schools. which oversees grant-maintained (GM) schools, has said that in some areas admissions are in chaos.

Several factors have contributed to the confusion, including the separate admissions systems run by GM schools and the introduction of partial selection in some areas. But much of the difficulty dates back to the "Greenwich judgment" of 1990, which prevented local authorities from giving preference to residents of their own borough.

Haringey Local Education Authority (LEA) in North London, plans to shift the point from which the catchment area is usually measured - the centre of the school grounds — to a point nearer the centre of the borough. The aim is to ensure that children from Haringey go to the school of parental choice. But parents of children who live near the schools, yet just across the local authority border. claim that they are being discriminated against. The issue could become a test case for other local education authorities. The new central measuring point will be a road junction, which could be up to half a mile from the school.

One opponent of the proposal, Anne Ruff, a lawyer and local mother, points out that local education authorities are obliged to offer access to their schools for any child gardless of the borough in which they live. By law, the only reason to change this admissions criterion is on "educational grounds". Mrs Ruff believes that there are no clear "educational grounds" for Haringey's proposed change.

She says: "The change would give priority to Haringey children. The law that an LEA must be able to demonstrate educational grounds for a change in admissions criteria based on distance. But those parents seeking to send their children to schools in the area have to provide proof to demonstrate that there were no educational grounds for the change in policy." Mrs Ruff believes that this puts parents at a disadvantage because it is almost impossible for them to gain access to the sort of information needed.

LEAs face a dilemma. When there is only a small number of popular schools. but a lot of hopeful pupils in the cauch-



Families will spend thousands of pounds to move into the "right area" to ensure a child's place in a popular school

ment areas, competition for entry is stiff. On the one hand, if children of rate-paying parents in the borough fail to gain a school place and children from another borough do, resentment can be widespread. On the other hand, those living in border boroughs are upset because their childreo are denied access to the best and closest schools.

Denise Blake from Barnet and her son, Aubrey, eight, fear that they will be affected by the shift. Aubrey attends Tetherdown Primary School in Haringey and wants to move to Fortismere School when he turns 11. But if the catchment area is changed, Aubrey will not be eligible. Mrs

Blake comments: "The school is only ten minutes' walk away. It is our local school and all the children at Aubrey's school will move there. The other schools in Barnet are a bus or Tube ride away, or selective or grant-maintained and costly. When you have an average ability child, there is not a lot of choice of comprehensive schools."

Haringey council is to vote on the proposal later this month. By then, it is hoped that any legal difficulties will have been resolved. If the policy is adopted, it will be introduced next September. It could herald a fresh debate for LEAs everywhere about access rights to secondary schools.

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CHANGING TIMES

Snapping over lost lessons



The school photograph was an historical record before most parents had a memento of their child

utumn is the season of coy smiles, the click of the cameras and the roll of school cash registers. September is peak time for schools to invite in a specialist photographer.

Teachers rush around dementedly organising individu-als, groups of siblings, sports teams, house groups, music ensembles, staff groups and so on ... not to mention the en-

Few parents realise that almost all work stops for hours when the school photogra-pher arrives. It may take only a few seconds to coax an image of an individual child onto film, but taking snaps of several hundred people individually and in combinations is very time-consuming.

It is unthinkable to keep the photographer idle, so there are usually at least two classes awaiting their turn. They groom each other busily to fill in the time. Some pupils are common to so many groups that they might as well stay in

the half all day. I know of one school in which they routinely suspend teaching altogether on photograph day because logistically

How did the annual school photograph get so out of control, asks Susan Elkin

it is easier. For example, if 300 children lose even a couple of hours of teaching that is 600 learning hours thrown away. Then, when the pictures arrive in school — usually a multi-pack for sale at between £5 and £15 — it is teachers who have to oversee their distribution and the collection of the money. Even if it is administratively quite simple, it is still an extra chore that distracts from the ightful business of education.

Some schools defend the practice saying they need pass-port-type identity photo-graphs to attach to each child's central file. But that is not the main reason for the burgeoning intrusiveness of school photographs. The bottom line, of course, is money. Most photographic firms of fer schools, which are effectively acting as their agents, a substantial rake-off. A school can make, as commission, somewhere between 10 and 35 per cent of the selling price. So, if awkward parent.

St Bloggs can sell 200 picture packs at £10 it stands to profit by several hundred pounds. Of course, you don't want the photographs, but neither

do you want the child to feel "rejected" or disappointed and all the other parents seem to be buying them. So you pay up — as do 90 per cent of par-ents at infant level, 80 per cent at junior school and 50 per cent at secondary schools, according to one Kent school photographer.

And it doesn't just happen in September these days ei-

ther. Some schools have photographers in about three times a year. One mother, whose child attends a private nursery in South London, told me that the school had gone one step further and invited a company to make a video of each child. She was cross, but she bought it - at £15 - because she did not want to upset her son or to be seen as an

Perhaps, years ago, there was some point to an occasional school photograph. Few parents had cameras of their own and a picture taken at school was a treasured item. Today almost everyone has some kind of camera; many have camcorders, too, and almost all parents have a detailed photographic record of the progress of their children at every stage.

t is time that parents stood out against school photographs. I am con-vinced that if a few mothers and fathers in each school united to refuse to allow their children to be photographed - there is almost always a letter home in advance advising parents when the photographer is due - many others would breathe a sigh of relief and do likewise.

Parents who want a formal studio portrait of their offspring should go to a photographer out of shool hours. It is not the business of schools to provide this as a "service". Schools must find other ways to raise extra money without compromising lesson time or exploiting children.

Harrison fights to protect future of amateur sport

THE Commonwealth Games ideal is to create soul fellows in sport and, for two apparently ill-matched Englishmen, it is happening, Audley Harrison and Gary Jones are here to win boxing medals. Side by side on a sofa in a tower block in the athletes' village of Kuala Lumpur, they are as man and boy. It is almost comical the way that Harrison — 6ft 6in, 17st tllb — dwarfs Jones, who is slightly over 5ft 2in and punches his weight at a tad more than 9st.

They box at super-heavyweight and light-flyweight, but the disparity is greater than meets the eye. Harrison is a Londoner, about to graduare with a degree that entails social and marketing skills; he is a showman who styles his hair in chocolate and orange stripes; he is forming a "union" to fund Great Britain's 21 elite amateur boxers so that they might resist turning professional until after the

"If it wasn't for what Audley's doing," Jones said, when he could get in a word yesierday, "I wouldn't be here. My dole money's been stopped, they [the council] wanted to take me flat off me. I couldn't go through this no

He is not alone. Even in these days of lottery money. England boxer. David Walker, the welter-weight, lost his job as a stockbroker's runner because he came to Malaysia for these Games. The truth is, of course, that it is not two weeks in the Far East that makes or breaks a champion. The England squad of 12 boxers, who are expected to bring home a minimum of six medals, are the best prepared the country has exported. They have trained in Florida and acclimatised to the tropical heat and humidity that exists



in Malaysia

The build-up has been excellent," Harrison said. When I get started in the ring on Monday, I can't complain about the help I've had. There's a New Zealander ranked third in the world and a Jamaican I've just found out about who beat the Cuban super-heavy, but my latest ranking is eighth in the world and really, I shouldn't worry about any of them."

His record of 30 wins (2) with knockouts), a draw and five defeats has attracted of-fers to turn professional, but Harrison has set his sights on Sydney, by which time he will be 28 and then ready for the professional arena. "People say I should think of myself and turn pro straight away." Harrison said, "but amateur boxing is not dead. I've talked to all 21 of the top British boxers and we want to stay on

and go for the Olympics. "Hopefully, we can renew amateur boxing, TV deliberately tried to sabotage it by not putting it on, but the idea of the Amateur Boxing Union is to raise the profile. I envisage an athlete's commission with-in the ABA [Amaleur Boxing Association, a think-tank where we can put forward ideas to promote the amateur view. Surely the BBC or someone would back a tele-

vised event, like Wimbledon tennis, once a year that puts us back in the public eye."
Harrison wrote a "letter of

intent" to other boxers, amateur and professional, and, at a launch party a week before coming out to Kuala Lumpur, professional boxers donated funds for "spending money" for the competitors. Jones needs every penny. He hails from the harsh environment of Kirkby in Liverpool, John Conteh country, and though he has not had the education or the employment prospects of Harrison, the Liverpudlian Londoner to this self-help

From the leadership of Harrison and the encouragement that it gives Jones to fend for himself outside the ropes, the participants might lead their administrators. The message is self-help, a fair application of lottery funding and a less demeaning way to represent

Boxers are beginning to use their brains and, from another pool of exertion, Adrian Moorhouse, one of Britain's finest swimmers, was caught yesterday in a moment of early nostalgia. Moorhouse "absolutely cringed" when he heard James Hickman, a fellow Yorkshireman standing yards away, tell a reporter: "My coach at Leeds is Terry Denihe used to coach

How time flows. At the opening ceremony today, which occurs three days after competition started. Moor-house will meel an old friend, Russell Garcia, the hockey player, who intends taking him for a meal to celebrate September 18, the tenth anniversary of Moorhouse's Olym-pic gold medal in Seoul. The boxers are trying to emulate the swimmer and to have anniversaries to celebrate in



South Africa stretched

BOB WOOLMER, the South Africa cricket coach, was quick to make his feelings known after his collection of Test and international players had struggled to a four-wicket win over Northern Ireland at Chib

It needed a thoughtful in-nings from Dale Benkenstein and a daring one by Shaun Pollock, the captain, to hold off a team thought to be the lightweights of group C. "I was upset to say the least," Woolmer said. "Hopefully, this will be a wake-up call for our forthcoming matches. We weren't at the level we should have been and I've told the

players that much. But we've been in difficult situations against better sides than Northern Ireland. There was always going to be some-body who would get in and play properly on that surface. "Benkenstein played very well, with good shot selection and can be proud of his

innings. Pollock's contribution, too, was vital."

Northern Ireland could manage only 89 for five from 38.1 overs before a tropical downpour held up the match for 22 hours, which meant recourse to the Duckworth/Lewis method. This produced a target for South Africa of 131 from 38 overs. At 23 for four, and then 57 for five, when Jacques Kallis was caught at mid-off trying to hit over the top, a shock result was on the cards.

The Northern Ireland newball pair, Gordon Cooke and Ryan Eagleson, bowled with great heart to make life difficult for the early batsmen on a damp surface and not until Benkenstein, who made 48 not out and was rock solid from the outset, was joined by Pollock, who made 30, in a partnership of 58, did South Africa manage to pull out of

Duckworth/Lewis system in this situation." Woolmer said. "It's difficult to quantify how you can be asked to get 40 extra runs." Alan Rutherford, the Northern Ireland captain and wicketkeeper, said: "I've got mixed feelings because I felt we had them on the rocks

at one stage."
New Zealand were also given a hard match, by Kenya. who beat West Indies in the World Cup two years ago. Although needing only 145 in 50 overs. New Zealand took 47.3 overs to get the runs and lost five wickets in the

"On a pitch like that their bowlers were able to make things awkward, "Stephen Fleming, the New Zealand captain, said, "We are very happy to have put them away and move on." In the other match played yesterday, Barbades beat Bangladesh by four wickets after being set 160

Champion Wales are laid low by mystery illness

FROM OUR SPORTS STAFF

HOCKEY tournament officials had to postpone indefinitely the women's match between Wales and Canada yesterday after half the Wales squad were laid low with a mystery illness. The contest will be rescheduled, subject to the other games of the teams

and required rest times.

Margaret Medlow, the team coach, confirmed that four players were in hospital. with another four confined to bed in the Games village suffering from a form of gastroenteritis. Wales officials refused to name the players involved, saying only that several had been taken ill on

Sunday evening.

Medlow said: "We're completely mystified that only half the squad are affected. I can't believe it's dehydration because, as you can imagine, we take no chances on that. The players were all fine after Wednesday's 4-0 defeat by South Africa and were all veighed yesterday."

Simon Organ, who plays for Cannock, scored twice for the Wales men's team in a 2-0 victory over Trinidad & Tobago in pool A yesterday. It was, however, a victory gained after much sweat and toil despite dominance by Wales in both periods of play. They converted only one of their 11 short corners.

Several fine saves by Francis, the Trinidad goalkeeper, kept Wales out at short corners, but Edwards was unhucky to bit the woodwork

Organ eventually converted the eighth short corner for Wales in the 48th minute after which a goal by Daniel for Trinidad was disallowed. Two minutes before the end, Organ made the game safe with a well-taken goal from a pass by Hughes-Rowlands, another Cannock player.

In another pool A match, a goal in the 58th minute by Robinson saved New Zealand, who drew 3-3 with South Africa. In pool B, Zealand, Malaysia defeated Kenya 40. favourites.

is pushed to the limit by Pollard

PETER NICOL'S bye to the first round proper of the singles squash tournament was cancelled yesterday after Regan Pollard turned up to complete the 64-man field

(Colin McQuillan writes).

Later Pollard, of Guyana, might have wished that he had arrived earlier and drawn another Scot. He went down by just a single point to the top-seeded world No I, while David Heath lost to Shamsul Islam Khan a Pakistan

junior, in straight games.

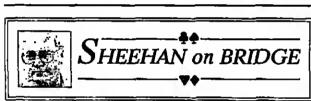
Heath's older brother and doubles partner for Scotland. Martin, progressed to the first round with Nicol and Stuart Cowie. The Wales squad of Alex Gough. David Evans. Matthew Benjamin and Greg Tippings also went through, as did Steve Richardson, of Northern Ireland.

Simon Parke, the British champion, defeated James Letlake, of South Africa, to reach a first-round match tomorrow against Michael also wins for Mark Challoner, the England No 2, who defeated Rajdeep Bains, of Kenya, pleted the England squad success with victory over Marion White, of Barbados. ☐ Wales will face favourites Fiji in the rugby sevens competition after yesterday's re-draw. The withdrawal of Gambia and Zimbabwe has resulted in a change of format.

from five groups of four to six groups of three. The Fijians, led by Waisale Serevi, had been scheduled to play Australia. Sri Lanka and Gambia. They will now take on Wales and Swaziland in the inaugural competition that

starts tomorrow. Wales, who have a number of full internationals including Scott Gibbs, the British Lion, were originally drawn in pool D with New Zealand, who are led by Eric Rush, Papua New Guinea and Swaziland.

Hosts Malaysia and Sri Lanka now have the tinenviable task of taking on New



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Begin Bridge with The Times: Lesson 22 - MiniBridge 17

Last week I explained the scoring of successful contracts depended on the denomination chosen. The minor suits (clubs

and diamonds) score 20 points for each trick above six, the majors 30 points for each trick above six and No-Trumps score 40 points for the first trick and 30 points thereafter.

I also said that your score depended upon the number of tricks aimed for (level). Should your play of the hand result in a score of 100 points or more it is referred to as a 'game' and you receive a bonus of 300 points. There is one small snag. To receive this bonus you must declare that you will make a game contract before the play starts. A game contract is eleven tricks in a minor (5x20=100), ten tricks in a major (4x30=120) or nine tricks in No-Trumps (40+30+30=100). To make game in No-Trumps requires only nine tricks — less than any other game contract. It is

therefore a popular game to contract for. Anything that scores less than 100 points is known as a partscore and receives a bonus of 50 points.

Last week I left you to consider how many tricks you would expect to make on this hand.

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You decide that it is best to play in hearts and that you will lose three spade tricks if North has the ace, together with the ace of trumps. Thus you say that you will make a partscore in hearts. If you make nine tricks you will score 140 points 13x30+50(bonus)=140). If you make ten tricks you will score 170 points (4x30+50=170).

You have forgotten something — South said he had 14 points and North 3. What are North's three points? South must have the ace of spades. You can therefore make your king of spades for one spade, five hearts and four diamonds, ten tricks in all. Try it. You could therefore have chosen game in hearts as your contract and would have scored the same 120 (4x30) points. However, in addition you would have had a bonus of 300 points for contracting and making a game, giving a total of 420 points a much better score and why sometimes you must take a risk in deciding whether or not to go for game.

If you are to receive a bonus when you make your contract (either 50 or 300 points), it will come as no surprise to learn that there are penalties when you fail. If you play in a partscore then you lose 50 points for each trick fewer than seven that you make: if you play in game you lose 50 points for each trick by which you fail. So, for example, if you contract for game in diamonds (eleven tricks) and make eight tricks then you score minus 150

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By Philip Howard

HELLYON a. A mythical beast b. A rock plant

JUDDITE a. A reactionary fogey

c. A mineral

c. A troublesome child

a. A frog b. A style of collar c. A cat burglar HARPUISBOS a. Harper's Buffalo b. A shopkeepers' cartel c. A shrub b. A religious enthusiast

NIGHTINGALE

Answers on page 50



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Cardozo US Open

Judit Polgar has gone on from her success in the rapid play match against Anatoly Karpov to score a fine victory in the Cardozo US Open in

Hawaii. Top results were as follows: Judit Polgar and Boris Gulko 8/9: Alex Wotkiewicz, Ian Rogers and Shaked Tal 7.5/9. Julian Hodgson scored 6.5/9. Judit Polgar took the title on

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Black: Joel	Benjamin
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2 N/3	Noti
3 Bb5	Nt6
4 0-0	Noe4
5 d4	Nd6
6 Bxc6	dxc6
7 dxe5	Nf5 ·
8 Cxd8+	Kxd8
Nc3	Ke8
10 h3	a5
11 Rd1	a4
12 a3	h5
13 Bg5	Be7
14 Rd2	h4
IS Rad1	Bxg5
16 N×g5	Ke7
17 N13	Ra5
18 Re1	Be6
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21 R/4	Rh5
22 N/d4	Nxq4
23 Rfxd4	Pixe5
24 Rxh4	Bc4
5 Nd4	Ra6
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7 NI3	Rd5
8 Rcs	Kd7
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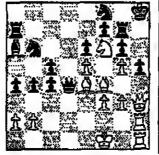
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

38 Rg4

While to play. This position is from the game Willmoth -Spencer, Major Open, Torquay 1998. How did White power his way through on the kingside to deliver checkmate?

Solution on page 50



Goode still eyeing golden treble JOANNE GOODE, the only

mother playing top-class pro-fessional badminton, saw her chances of winning three gold medals improve yesterday even though England's victory over Fiji was little more than a formality.

The 5-0 triumph, the second in succession by the women's team, was achieved in 72 minutes with the expenditure of such modes effort that Goode was effectively given two more days in which to recover from the conjunc-

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heats; Men's 200m freestyle heats. Women's 4x 200m freestyle relay hoats
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Nationwide League

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FROM RICHARD EATON

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SCHEDULE

BOXING: 6,0am and 10,30am: Preliminary bouts, various weights.
CRECKET: 20am: St. Lanka v Jamaico, Malaysia v Zmbobowe, Australia v Artigua, Carada v India; Palintan v Kenya
CYCLING: 12,30am: Men's 184 km rood

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LAVN BOWLS: Men: 12.30am, 6.30am and 11.30am; Fours. Women; 12.30am, 6.30am and 11.30am; Fours.

THUNDERER

WORCESTER

2.25 Typical Woman. 2.55 The Full Monty. 3.25 Tactix. 3.55 Mrs Em. 4.30 Running Free. 5.05

2.25 NEW STREET NOVICES HURDLE (£2,495* 2m 4f) (11 runners)

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9-4 Balton Point, 7-2 Typical Woman, 4-1 Gratonethic, 9-2 The Negotiator, 8-Dakmort, 16-1 Only For A. 25-1 Miss Moste. Lady Goding, 33-1 others

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2.55 LONGLEY GREEN HOVICES CHASE [£3,602-2m 71 710yd] (7)

This has caused the former All England mixed doubles champion to play in specta-cles. Goode will not, however, have to decide whether or not to continue with this inconve-nience until tomorrow because today is a rest day for the women. England will then take on South Africa in a match that decides who reaches the medal positions.

The women from Australia. New Zealand and Scotland also won for the second time yesterday. Scotland's 4-1 suc-cess against Wales took them a step closer to winning their

first medal since Dan Travers, now the national coach. carned gold in the men's doubles in 1986. Earlier, Wales' men won 4-1 against Fiji, but were unlucky here as well. John Leyung, who fell over in a tropical storm on

RUGBY: 8.0am; Fiji v Wates, 8.20am; South Ainca v Papua New Gunea, 8.40am; Western Samoa v Canada 9.0am; New Zestand v Sri Lanka, 9.20am; England v Tonga, 9.40am; Australia v Cook Islands, 10.0am; Wates v Swootano, 10.20am; Papua New Gunea v Brahoman, 11.0am; Sri Lanka, v Malaysia, 12.0am; Longa v Konya, 11.40am; Cook Islands v Ceyman Islands, 12.0pm; Swazdand v Fiji 12.20pm; Timdad and Toboqo v South Airica, 12.40pm; Bahamas v Western Samoa, 1.0pm; Malaysia, v New Zestand, 1.20pm; Yanya v England, 1.40pm; Cayman Klands v Australia

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Wednesday while running in a car park, injuring his knee. lasted only nine points. Having pulled out of the opening match against England altogether he was unexpectedly thrust into the men's doubles and retired after only six minutes.

"We even tried to get permission to play myself in-stead, Chris Rees, the Wales coach, who wanted to avoid using players in two matches on the same day in humid conditions, said. However, Rees was deemed ineligible and now the fears are that Leyung may have damaged a cartilage.

The Malaysia men, who could well win a trio of gold medals and make badminton the most successful sport for the home country, scored their second quickfire win. 5-0 against Northern Ireland. They now need only to beat Canada to get into the medal positions.

3.55 KNIGHTWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£4,681: 2m) (5) 1 1125 TIME WON'T WAIT 10 (D.F.G.S.I R Phillips 9-12-0 C Liewillips 2 406- GREEN GREEN DESCRT 128 (D.F.G.) () Sacradod 7-11-4

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5.05 QUEENSWAY HANDICAP HURDLE

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4.30 MOOR STREET MAIDEN HURDLE

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RACING: CUP STALWART ENDS DOMESTIC CAREER WITH DONCASTER SUCCESS

Double Trigger stays on top

RACING CORRESPONDENT

COMPARISONS may be odious, but no-one should begrudge Double Trigger being ranked alongside the best stayers of all time after he made a glorious exit from British racing yesterday by winning the Great North Railway Doncaster Cup for the third time.

In typical Double Trigger style, the Mark Johnston-trained seven-year-old made all the running over two and a quarter miles at Town Moor and showed his tenacity to thwart determined challenges

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PASS THE REST . (3.15 Goodwood) Next best: Schnitzel (2.15 Goodwood)

laid down first by Canon Can. then by Busy Flight, to win by

The emotional success means Double Trigger is the first horse since Beeswing in the 1840s to win the Doncaster Cup more than twice. Add to that a trio of victories in the Goodwood Cup and a Gold Cup at Royal Ascot in 1995 and it is no wonder Johnston believes such a record entitles the horse to be considered alongside the champion stay-

ers of yesteryear. "Great horses like Ardross and Le Moss won cup races and could compete at group they want to beat him, they



Double Trigger delights the crowd with his victory in the Doncaster Cup yesterday

one level over a mile and a half. I accept Trigger could not do that, but at two miles plus J doubt if they could have beaten him," the Middleham

handler said. "This is history for sure. It is just sad to think he is going into retirement at a time when he is happier and easier to train than ever before. He stays and stays and stays. If

must not wait until their tanks are empty. You have got to try to beat him early in the race."

There will be only be one more opportunity for his rivals to try — when he runs for the last time in France next month in the Prix du Cadran. Then he will be off to stud. where he should make his mark as a National Hunt The rules of racing, which

spot of bother yesterday after he won the GNER Park Stakes on Handsome Ridge, owned by David Platt, the former England football captain. Platt, on a working holiday in Sardinia, had a

now run to 430 pages, have

precious little to say on the matter of mobile telephones -

but the ubiquitous symbol of modern communications

landed Frankie Dettori in a

commentary of the race re-layed to him by his brother-inlaw, Nicky Vaughan, trav-elling head lad to John Gosden. As Dettori partnered Handsome Ridge back to the winner's enclosure, he was passed the phone and spoke to Platt about the victory.

The manoeuvre was spotted by Patrick Hibbert-Foy, the stewards' secretary, who had a quiet word with the Dettori. There is no rule against it. but it does not create a very good image," he said.

"He has a point," Denori admitted. "It doesn't look too good, and soccer players don't do it when they score. But the owner was so delighted, he wanted to speak to me."

David Loder is another happy man who almost certainly was on the telephone to Dettori yesterday evening after the jockey had partnered Calando to an impressive success in the May Hill Stakes. The filly has not always impressed Dettori on the Newmarket gallops but she is a different proposition on the racecourse and Coral was sufficiently impressed to make her a 10-1 favourite for next year's Oaks. However, a trip to the United States may

beckon in the meantime. Ricky Bowman, assistant to Loder, said: "She may go for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies'. Being by Storm Cat,

she should go on the dirt." Easycall, trained by Brian Meehan, is likely to tackle the Prix de l'Abbaye ar Longchamp after his victory in the Scarbrough Stakes.

Fantastic Light can leave opposition in the shade

DONCASTER **CHANNEL 4**

2.05: A front-runner, Prolix appreciate dropping in trip. He will also come on for his recent outing at York, but must give weight to two interesting stable-mates in Marcus Maximus, impressive on his debut, and Dokos, though Fallon's choice is a brother to Miesque and might be worth trying back over a mile. Dark Shell might not have been getting home since his impressive maiden win over this trip at Sandown in June.

235: The Fly and Kingfisher Mill have not flourished this term, though the latter is still likely to take on Mutawwaj for the lead. The Godolphin colt might prefer faster ground, anyway, whereas Al-taweelah will enjoy easier conditions after disappointing at Haydock last time. Henry Cecil can be relied upon to have Craigsteel fit for his return and the colt can improve on his honourable record at two.

3.05: Commander Collins justified his reputation on his debut but has been a sick horse since, Lavery improved on faster ground last time, but Auction House achieved more by making all at York. Front-runners were. favoured by conditions there, however, and the ground will be slower here. That will suit Locombe Hill, as will the

3,05 AUCTION HOUSE (nap)

3.35 Eagle's Cross 4.10 Golden Snake



extra furlong. Indiana Leg-end, the horse he beat easily last time, has since finished

fourth in the Prix Morny.

ON TELEVISION

3.35: Dantesque prefers fast-er ground. likewise Jaazim. who was set plenty to do at York. Baffin Bay, who would need a real test at this trip. will get a positive ride but has a poor draw. Jazil has fared better in that respect and should also have plenty of use made of him, which may count against Raivue, who dominated throughout at Ripon (fast ground). Eagle's Cross comes from a stable back in form and will appreciate cut underfoot for the first time since he looked so promising at Bath in June.

GOODWOOD BBC2

2.15: Cashiki's prospects of leading are diminished by a low draw, whereas Schnitze starts hard by the rail. Trio's win at Doncaster yesterday

Relative Shade. That proved he can handle an undulating track, and he had looked as though softer ground would suit at Ascot previously. Picasso's Heritage could improve on his handicap debut. while Mujkari looks another typical nursery type. 2.45: Fantastie Light can

advertised the Ensom nurs-

ery in which Schnitzel rallied

gainst the well-regarded

remain unbeaten, as long as his jockey makes this a proper test. He has taken rime to get going on faster ground and is likely to appreciate condinons today. By contrast, Mulaahab has shown plenty of speed on fast going over shorter trips. Glamis will reward his trainer's patient approach, but looks a dubious proposition up in trip on soft ground.

3.15: Lonesome Dude has been favoured by the draw. though that advantage may be forfeited if he is held up on the inside. He fared honourably when ridden from off the pace in a race dominated by front-runners at York. Conspicuous and Vola Via go well here, and Tarski is one to keep an eye on, but it is worth taking a chance that Somayda improves sufficiently to overcome a modest draw. A half-brother to Salsabil, proven on easy ground he should be suited

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

1.45 Present Situation 2.15 Goodwood Jazz 2.45 Mutashah 3.15 Conspicuous

3.45 Hujoom 4.15 Master Millfield 4.50 Catapult 5.20 Cuff

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.45 FANTASTIC LIGHT.

course and distance winner. BF — beaten broughle in letest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to limm, hard G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Dwirer in brackers. Trainer, Age and verigite. Rider pars any allowence

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1.45 TILNEY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HANDICAP (Div I: £3,465: 1m) (19 runners)

Long handicap: Sea Spouse 7-7, Linguistic Dancer 6-10 BETTING: 9-2 Fam Dr Cool. 8-1 L'Estable Flaurie, 7-1 Warring, 10-1 Mutahadeh, Present Silvation, Tribal Peace, 12-1 Far-So-La. Cabcharge Silva, 14-1 Cantified, Musra Bay, 18-1 Famous, 20-1 others, 1997: GOLD LANCE 4-9-1 L Delturi (6-1 Sw) R O'Sulliven 22 ran

2.15 TATTERSALLS AUCTION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,738: 71) (11 numers)

Goodwood Jazz 1%1 3rd of 9 to Giro's Spirits in maldon at Brighton (61 209rd, good to firm). Authorat 2%1 3rd of 16 to Brighton (61 209rd, good to firm). Authorat 2%1 3rd of 16 to Bethretck in handicap at Bath (1m 5rd, good) with Banningham Brezzs (levels) ISI 14th Pointan 6%1 12th of 18 to Flanders in stakes at Wewbury (51 34rd, good to lirm). Arbor Eales 161 12th of 13 to Blue Star in stakes at Whotenhampton (61, AW). Cashids had lirm). Arbor Eales 161 12th of 13 to Blue Star in stakes at Whotenhampton (61, AW). Cashids had lirm). Arbor Eales 161 12th of 13 to 180 50 from 18 pool to lirm). Picasso's Heritage Montague 10g stort had in 16-runner handicap at Pontehaci (61, good to lirm). Schnitzel neck 2nd of 13 to Relative Shade in handicap at Episorn (71, good to lirm) with Kiss Me Kate (events) 12t 12th. Lord Stroller 111 6th 11 to Muladene in malden at Windsor (51 10yd, good). GOODWOOD JAZZ can gain reward for some consistent efforts

1997: TITAN 8-6 J F Egan (8-1) S Dow 10 ran

BBC2 2.45 BELLWAY HOMES STARDOM STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £13,875: 1m) (3 runners) BETTING: 5-4 Farazake Light. 13-8 Glants. 3-1 Alubahab 1997: ALBOOSTAN 8-11 6 Cartes (11-2) 0 Morley 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

Fantastic Light beat Assops % I in S-numer 2yo stakes at Sandown
(Im 14yd, good to 8mm). Glarnis beat El Nahrawan 51 in S-numer
2yo malden stakes at Goodwood (71, good to 8mm). Mutaahab beat
Braithnorte 21 in 2-numer 2yo nowice stakes at Redicer (71, good to 6mm)

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3.15 SCHRODER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HANDICAP BBC2 (SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (\$13,688: 1m 1f) (14 runners)

BETTWE: 9-2 Lancsone Dude, 6-1 Conspicuous, Samayda, 7-1 Cyber World, 8-1 Therhea, Pass The Rest, 10-king Ol Tures, Milting, 14-1 Lady Bockster, Vota Via. 16-1 Hardy Bancer, 20-1 others 1987: DANISH RHAPSDDY 4-10-0 W Hyan (10-1) Lady Hennes 18 Fan

Conspicuous 23/4 4th of 17 to Susply And Demand in handican at South Force 1 foodword (1m 1) 192vd, good) with Tarsid (6th better off) 15/1 fish. (2m for Tunes 29/24th of 32 to Refuse 10 Lose in handican at 1 fish. (2m good to Cart), previously 74/1 5th of 12 to For Your Fyes Only in handican at Sandown 11m 14yd, good to Cart) with Diamond Whate (2th worse off) 15/1 thin. Cyber World 13/1 3rd of 12 to Supreme Sound in handican at 24 York (1m 2 85yd, firm) with Lonescome Dude (towels) 13/1 4th. Therhea 24/1 Sha to 22 to For Your Fies (3by in handican at Sootwood (1m, good to solt) Lady The the 2x41 Sh to 12 as for Your Fees Only in handicap at Cook and up overs) 151 Aut. The the 2x41 Sh to 12 as for Your Fees Only in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2i 21yd, good to 6mm). Diamond White 6x51 10th of 12 to Contina in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2i 21yd, good to 6mm). Diamond White 6x51 10th of 12 to Contina in handicap at Lingillett (7i 140yd, good to 6mm). Vota Vis beat Rhev's Source 31 in 10-tuner amateur handicap at Goodwood (1m 11, good to 6mm) with Handy Dancer (7th better off) 51x1 5th. Somaytha 2x1 5th of 12 to Bollim Terry in handicap at Newscatte (1m 3yd, good), previously beat Mundo Paro 3x5 in 8-tuner maiden stakes at Redicar (1m, pool to soft) Milling beat Buz & (in 9-tuner 3yo handicap at Handicap (1m 13yd, good to 11m 1 syd, good to 11 to Suresteak in 3yo handicap at Southwell (1m, AW).

KING OF TUNES runs well here and can bounce back to form

3.45 goodwood motor circuit revival conditions stakes (3-Y-0: £6,290: 7f) (7 runners)

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5.20 HARVEST CLASSIFIED STAKES (£3,670: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

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1,30 Porto Foricos

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1,30 Greenlander.

2.35 ALTAWEELAH (nap), 4,10 Bergamo.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 SUN PRINCESS CHALLENGE TROPHY [CONDITIONS STAKES]

(3-Y-0: £5,120: 1m md) (5 runners)

2.05 RJB MINING CONDITIONS STAKES (£9,600: 1m 2f 60yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Profes, 5-2 Dokes, 4-1 Marcus Maximus, 13-2 Pegniz, 10-1 Dark Shell, 20-1 Cool Vibes 1997: FAITHFUL SON 3-9-1 J Reid (11-8): fav) Sir M Stoute 4 ran

Profix S141 3rd of 6 to Sea Wave in group 2 York stakes (1m 3) 195yd, firm). Dokos 1341 2nd of 5 to Mountain Song in Windsor stakes (1m 2), firm). Cool Vibes bear Adutation 11 in 9-numer Newmarket maiden (1m, good to firm). Dark Shell 5341 Ath of 5 to Nedawin in group 3 stakes at Goodwood (1m 41, good). Marcus Madmus beat Desent Tycotin 81 in 6-numer Yarmouth maiden (1m 3) 101yd, good to firm). Pegnatz beat Coperatous 21 in 12-numer Windsor marden (1m 2), firm). PROLIX appears just below top-class, but is the clear form selection here

2.35 D & K TROY STAKES (Listed race: £13,041: 1m 4f) (6 numers)

BETTINS: 5-2 Mutaware, 3-1 Altawards, 9-2 The Fty, 5-1 Alogister Mall, 5-1 Monthay, 8-1 Companie. 1897: BUSY RUGHT 4-8-1 M Hills | 11-8 key B Hills 5 can

Kinglisher Mill 151 last of 9 to Insanable in group 3 stakes at Sandown (1m 2 7yd, good to soft). The Fly 1¼1 2nd of 4 to Ferny Hill in stakes at Wrodsor (1m 3 135yd, good to firm). Craigsteel 5 4th of 8 to Sandopa Springs or 2yo group 1 stakes at Doncaster (1m, good) Moretray ¼1 2nd of 6 to Dark Moordoncer in 3yo stakes at Ascer (1m 4, good) Murawayal peat semants 7 in 5-numer stakes at Neumarteal (1m 4), good to firm). Altaweettah Si/15th of 6 to Carchaccatchcan in proup 3 stakes at Haydock (1m 3/ 200yd, good to firm).

THE PLY has produced some good performances here and can take this from Craigsteel

3.05 INTERCELL COMMUNICATIONS CHAMPAGNE STAKES (Group 0: 2-Y-0: £56,010: 7f) (8 nunners)

BETTIME: 5-2 Linery, 3-1 Auction House, 7-2 Commander Collins, 8-1 Batolini, Turnblewood Quartet, 18-1 Locumbe Hall, Thander Diagon, 50-1 Thunder Say. 1997: DAGGERS DRAWN 9-0 K Fallon | 4-6 tary H Cesil 5 ran

Lavery beat Access All Areas 1½ in 11-numer group 1 states at Legardstown (6), good to firm). Auction House beat College 44 in 7-numer states (listed) at York (6) 214yd, firm). Commender Collins beat Ritagoodist 1½ in 6-numer states (listed) at Newmarker (71, firm). Locumbe Hill beat Indiana Legard 1½ in 4-numer states at Newtony (6), good to firm). Thunder Dragno 7½ if 3 of 0 6 to Jest Algerhoud in group 2 states at York (8), firm) with Bertolini (1/b worse oil) 4¾ 1-nth. Tumbleweed Quartet 3¾ 3rd of 8 to Marian In states at Newbury (71, good to firm) Communder Collins clearly has potential, but LAVERY's experience may be vital

by stepping up in trip. was partly attributable to CHRIS MCGRATH easier ground, but still 3.35 Jay II K HANDICAP (£5,120: 1m 4f) (17 runners)

BETTING: 6-1 Engle's Cross, Jacobn, 7-1 Raffin Ray, Albertot, 8-1 Janil, 10-1 Fantal, 11-1 Raise A Proce, Warning Reet, 12-1 Calburton, 16-1 Tavarier Society, Ramoe, 20-1 Dantesque, Herry Island, 25-1 offers. 1997: DANTESQUE 4-9-3 G MARgen (15-2) G Wingg 18 ion

FORM FOCUS: Dantesque 111 7th of 9 lg Sabadilla in handicap at Goodwood I tm 41, good). Fantail \$31 18th of 21 to Towing in handicap at York I tm 51 194yd, Ilm). Henry Island (2th beter off) 141 Jah. Taverner Society 2'4'i 5th of 8 to Copeland in 39 kicked stakes at Claratomame (1m 4), soft). Ratics A Prince 5'41 4th of 8 to Perfect Paradigm in handican at Haydock (1m 31 200yd, good to fam) with Jaszim. 554 4th of 8 to Period Pariation in handican at Haydock (1m 31 200yd, good to ferm) with Jazzim (6th worse oit) 5541 5th. Carborton 6541 4th of 9 to Alcazar in handican at Haydock (1m 31 200yd, good). Baffin Bay 191 10th of 12 to Blueprint in 3yo handican at York (1m 51 194yd, Ilim) Jazzi 2541 3rd of 7 to Secret Archive in handican at Newbory (1m 35 yd, good to firm). Jazzim 11 2nd of 14 to Rockely Boot in handican at York (1m 31 195yd, firm) with Microphycouldy Revisic (5th better oit) 544 6th, Eagle's Cross (4th better oit) 141 11th and Tankonsley (4th better oit) 321 laz., Rakvue beat Warning Revi (5th better oit) 21 in 8-vanet handican at Hippon (1m id 6byd, good to firm). Alberich beat Murghem 34 in 9-monet 3yo tandican at York (1m 31 195yd, good) Genoa 7341 11th of 12 to Light Step in fillies handican at Newcasile (1m 21 32yd, good to firm).

The consistent CARBURTON can take this at the expense of Alberich

4.10 AMED CORPORATION MAIDEN STAKES

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3	(13]		COOPER ISLAND (K Abdulle) B Hulb 9-0 K Darley	_
4	(51		GALLANT GLORY (Shelith Molammed) J Gosden 9-0	-
5	(7)	S	GOLDEN SNAKE 27 (M Obaldo) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 2	d
6	(3)		KATTEGAT (Lord H De Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 K Fallon	-
7	(141	. 6	LAST HAVEN 18 (Marquesa de Moracalla) J FitzGerald 9-0 J Weaver 5	
8	18)		PECULIARITY (The Family Partnership) B Smart 9-0: 7 Cuton	-
g	(41	0	PRIMOUR HILL 15 (J Sweets) Mrs J Ramaden 9-0 J Fortune 1	
18	(15)		SIMPLY NOBLE 49 JUCKPS Equine Littly is McAulitie 9-0 R Firench 1	
11	(6)	3	TELL THEM ALL 55 (M al-Maldaum) M Johnston 9-0 M Roberts 5	
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Friendly, 18-1 Blue, Gallant Glory, 14-1 others. 1997: CTV HONDURS 9-0 J Raid 111-10 tav) P Chamile Hvam B ran

4.40 FERNER CONVEYOR BELTING HANDICAP



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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Doncaster Going: good

Surries gunos 1.30 (Sf) 1, Easycaff (M Tebbutt, 11-2); 2, Bishops Court (4-1 (May); 3, Dashing Blue (4-1 (May)), Proud Native (Sin) 4-1 (May), Iay, 8 ran, Nk, 3il, 8 Meehan, Tote: \$7.80; \$2.30, \$21.40, \$21.70. DF; \$13.30. CSF; \$25.46

225.46
2.05 (im) 1, Trio IJ Quinn, 14-1); 2, Flori (8-1); 3, Thank Heissens (25-1), 4, Inclusement (8-1), Fair Flight 3-1 fav 18 rgn. 11, 14I, G Levia Tote; 223 20, 53 40, 52 20, 55 90, 52 10, DF. \$82.00. Trilects: \$21.4.22 80 (pert won. Pool of £6.435 and lorwerd to 3 15 Goodwood today), CSF: £118.65. Tricast: £2.599.87. 2.95 (1m) 1, Handsome Ridge (I. Detion, 3-1 (-tay); 2, Princely Heir (11-2), 3, Hom-beam (9-2), Green Card (4th) 3-1 (-tay, 6 ran, NR: Bold Fact, 21, nt. J Gosden, Tote: \$3.40; £1.70, £3.50 DF: £9.60 CSF: £16.29,

3.10 (2m 2l) 1, Double Trigger (D Holland, 9-4 jr-fevi; 2, Busy Flight (11-2), 3, Canon Can (9-4 jr-fevi), 6 ran. NR. Celenc, Sanvrasn. 11, 29-1 M. Johnston. Tote: 52.70; C160, 62.70 DF: 58.20. CSF: £13.30. 3.40 (1m) 1, Calando (L Detton, 5-2 fav); 2, Kaldasa (14-1); 3, Saratamy (7-1), 10 tan, 2½), nk D Lodet Tole, 23.70; 21.50, 23.50, 22.30, DF £28.00, CSF; \$40.17. 4.40 (7) 1, Seity Jack IR Cochrane, 8-1). 2. Sheer Face (20-1); 3. Quiz Show (20-1); 4, Royal Result (6-1 favt, 20 ran. NR: Queen's Pageant, Volley, NK, nk, V Soene, Tote, £4.60, £1.20, £13.00, £6.90, £2.40 DF: £366.90 CSF: £156.67. Tricast; £2.933.85. Jackpot: not won (pool of £46,724.97 carried lorward to Goodwood today). Placepot: £543.80 Quadpot: £95.40

Chepstow Going: good to soft

l. A5 (71 Byt) 1, Seet All (S Sanders, 6-4 by), 2, Thrus (14-1), 3, Kondoty (2-1) 11 fan. 2, 194. Sr Michael Stoute Tote: 220, £1 10, £2 40, £1.10. DF. £12.40. CSF-£22.27. 2.15 (7) 16yd) 1. Chesting (5 Sanders, 7-4 tav); 2. Mt Speculation (7-2); 3. Learned Franci (5-2) 9 ran. NR. Diamond Blush 14t, 34. St. Michael Stouts 1701: 2290, 21.10. St 80, 21.10. DF: 108.60. CSF. 18 12

2.45 (1m 2) 36/(1) 1, Double Edged (J Carroti, 13-2): 2, Quintus [11-1); 3, Minhet (12-1). Mystery Guest (4th) 3-1 fav 13 ran 2/el, hd M. Johnston. 10et: 55.80: 52 30, 53.00, 52.40. DF. \$16.60 CSF 567.65 Tricsat: \$778.48 4.10 (7f) 1, Ashrasicat (Pat Eddery, 7-1); 2, Risque Lady (3-1); 3, Supercel (12-1). Doomns (4th) 3-1 lav. 14 ran NR: Igneye. 4! P Cole Tote £1.50

3.50 (54 16yd) 1, Multassawwer (R Price, 10-1); 2, Sure To Dream (18-1), 3, Rite's Rock Ape (33-1); 4, Maladerie (8-1 tav), 20 ran, %), 141 M Saunders Tote 20 10; 52.20, 12.10, 99.80, 52.50. DF 544 50 CSF; 5127-21, Tricast £4,836 45. CSF: £127.21. Tricast: £4,836.45.
4.20. (1m. 14yd) 1, Writte Settler (5. Whitworth, 7-4 isv); 2, Zehren 116-11; 3, Proud Brigadier (50-11, 19. ran, NR-Riparoner, 3.91, 2.94 Miss S Witton, Tote, £2 80, £1.50, £5 80, £20.40 DF; £24,90 CSF: £31.22,
4.50 (71 16yd) 1, Auslim (A Dely, 33-1); 2, Matoska (11-1), 3, Ca'd'oro (4-1 isv); 4, Shades of Love (20-11, 19. ran, NR-Murmoon 34, 341, Cotrell, Tote, £37.60; £4,80, £2.00, £1.50, £8.60, DF; £572.50.
CSF: £326.25, Tricast: £1,144.60.
Placepot: £44.80 Quadroot £23.90 [

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Newton Abbot Going: good to soft (soft in places)

225 (2m 110yd chi 1, Play Games (S Durack, 7-4 lav); 2, Dormston Boyo (15-8); 3, Alcat (25-1) 8 I am NR: Casual Water, 184, 44 R. Lee Tote: 22.60, £1.50, £1.50. DF £2.90 CSF: £5.17 DF 250 CSF: 53.17 2.55 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Red Ebrel (W Merston, 11-4), 2, Step in Ling (14-1), 3, Dutch Dysne (3-1) Fill The Bill (StN) 5-4 fav. 9 ran. 1%L 1%L D Winle Toter 53.70, £1 40, £2 40, £1.90, DF, £50 20 CSF: £38 72. 3.30 (2m 5i 110yd ch) 1, Bayerd (Michael Brennan, 11-2), 2, Thursday Nighl (5-4 tav); 3, Intermage: (5-1) 6 ren 6; 3; J O'Shea, Toter 6; 70, c2 50, C1 60, DF: C5 40, CSF: £13 42 2.7 91 4.30 f3m 21 110vd ch) 1, Spring Marsthon (P. Holey, 10-11 lsn), 2, Opera Festiva 150-1); 3, Qualita'i Memory (3-1) 5 ran 2%, 71 Mins P. Duffield Tole £1 90, £1 10, £5 50 0F: £36 80 CSF £20 51 5.00 (3m 3i hdiel 1, Snow Board (R Johnson 11-2 hdie), 2 Krischtle (16-1), 3, Moonlight Air (6-4 ji-lavi Balanak (4th) 6-4 ji-lav 6 ran, Nb. 5; Mrs M Jones Tote 65:30, 23:00, 23:40 OF £29:10, CSF 255:13 Placepot: £203.80 Quadpot: £155.40



World Cup hopes hit by series of withdrawals

FROM DAVID POWELL IN JOHANNESBURG

MAX JONES, Great Britain's performance director, was going through the list of withdrawals from his squad for the World Cup here when he was handed a copy of his original line-up to jog his memory. "That's a good team," Jones said, before bringing himself back to reality.

Since the team was chosen. lones had lost ten athletes, including three European champions, Jonathan Edwards, Darren Campbell and Dougie Walker. "I have calculated that will cost us 15 points." Jones said. In other words, Britain appears to have no hope of repeating the runnersup spot the men have achieved in the last two World Cups. After the high of the Europe-

an championships in Budapest, Britain can expect to come down to earth with a thud, though if Mike Edwards, the team's pole vaulter. could make more of a thud on the competition bed than usual, the collective landing may be softer. Edwards is one of a handful of British athletes staring at last place or therea-

The selection of Edwards exemplifies why the nine million television viewers, who saw Britain leap to the top of the medals table in Budapest, should not switch on in the hope of another all-conquering performance. The firstchoice vaulter, Nick Buckfield, is injured and the secondchoice, Kevin Hughes, had, as Jones put it, "packed his bags for the Commonwealth Games by the time Buckfield

pulled out". Injuries and the proximity of the Commonwealth Games have worked against Jones. Without Edwards in the triple jump. Britain has had to go down to its third-string, Larry Achike, after Julian Golley. the Commonwealth champion, joined the injury list.

It is essential that Britain

take maximum points from the four events they should win - Iwan Thomas, 400 metres, Colin Jackson, 110 metres hurdles, Steve Backley, javelin, and the 4 x 100 metres relay - but it is no less important that the likes of Edwards finish higher than their lowly rankings suggest.

This is an unexpected chance for Edwards to redeem himself in the event which has become a disaster area for Britain. At the last World Cup, Neil Winter no-heighted and Edwards, having been sent home from the 1989 World Cup for his performance in a Barcelona nightclub, failed to register a point at the European Cup this year. "He is under orders about starting heights." Jones said. "We will make

sure he gets one in." There are separate competi-oons for men and women, but the British women failed to qualify. In the men's event, Britain is one of only three countries competing against teams representing five continents. Africa, on home ground for the first time, should se-

cure a third successive victory.

Britain may finish behind

Africa, but that did not stop it giving the continent a helping hand yesterday, George Bun-ner, the Englishman whose concept of sports-hall athletics gave many stars a taste for the sport, launched a similar scheme in Soweto, funded by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Jamie Baulch, part of the British squad here, said it was in sports-hall athletics that he won his first medal. "It gave me the urge to go on to the next level." Bauich said. Soweto opened its first purposebuilt sports-hall yesterday, with a guest-list which includ-ed Bunner, Baulch and Marion Jones, whose winnings over the next three days would be enough to build two more



Easy does it for, from left to right, Cracknell, Redgrave, Foster and Pinsent, Britain's coxless four

Scullers hit treble top for Britain

SIX more British crews qualified for the world championships finals yesterday.

pushing the total to ten with four more possible today. The lane draw was, as anticipated, reorganised due to the cross-wind, and the placing of the fastest qualify-ing crews into the sheltered higher-numbered lanes. This was less to the consternation of Britain than others since all seven of their crews had either qualified directly or via first places in repechages.

History was made when all three of Brit-ain's scullers qualified for their finals. The hardest task in this respect came for Peter Haining, the lightweight, who had to finish in the top two and was drawn in lane No 3. Baenninger, of Switzerland, and Basalini, of Italy, were in No 5 and No 6 respectively, and made the most of their

advantage to 1,500 metres, but Haining kept up his pursuit and swept past the tiring Baenninger 200 metres from home

to qualify.

Greg Searle drew lane No 4 in his heavyweight semi-final. Three would qualify and Searle was accompanied by two former world champions, Cop. of Slovenia, in No 5, and Willms, of Germany, on the world champion, No 2, with Koven, the world champion. from America, in No 3. Drama came at 400 metres when Koven hit a buoy, dislodged his oar and stopped. Searle settled for third after that.

Guin Batten qualified for the women's sculls final for the second year running. Last year she finished sixth but is clearly a

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL IN COLOGNE faster and more mature competitor this season. Batten settled nicely, led by half-way and, at a steady rate, had clear water at the line.

Batten's elder sister, Miriam, together with Gillian Lindsay, won their double sculls semi with equal steadiness. Batten senior said: 'We have something left in the tank for Saturday.

Britain's coxless four, the world champions, in No 5, most also have something left in the tank. "Good, solid and uneventful" said Matthew Pinsent, stroke man, after his crew sat between, and ahead of, the fancied Australians and Romanians over the course. Steve Williams and Fred Scarlett, from Oxford Brookes, qualified third, ahead of Canada, for the coxless

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of their trainer, Mark Philips, took the opening day of the Blenheim Horse and Hound International Horse Trials by storm yesterday. Led by Gayle Molander, from Baltimore, on her Irish-bred Sir Nicholas, they filled five out of the top six places.

Tiffani Loudon, 22, from South Carolina, who is on her first visit to England, is in second place on her Lexington winner, Makabi. Bruce Davidson, a dual world champion and the winner of Blenheim in 1994 on Squelch, is a fraction of a point behind in third place on Man of Stars. British interest in the top six lies with Clea Hoeg-Mudd, a former top junior, who is lying fourth on

Feast of Florios.

Molander, 45, who was shortlisted for the team for next month's world championships, has always known that Sir Nicholas, was capable of a top dressage mark but he has often been too tense. Yesterday, in the somewhat subdued atmosphere which usually marks the the first day at Blen-heim, he stayed relaxed and calm throughout earning a score of 43.6 - five marks

ahead of Loudon. The cross-country tomorrow holds no fears for Molander.

boosting round tomorrow.

Makabi, bought from a dressage yard in British Columbia four years ago, has never needed encouragement to jump. 'He's just a powerhouse", Lou-

They won their first two star event at Camino Real, Texas. last year and won again at Lexington this April over a course built by the Blenheim designer, Mike Etherington-Smith. Tomorrow she plans to take all the quickest routes. The course has certain similarities with Lexington but it's a little tougher," she said.

Man of Stars is one of eight

horses Davidson, 48, is cam-paigning in Britain from his base near Marlborough. He was seventh at Blenheim two years ago but then had a year off with a leg injury. His come back at Brambam in June ended abruptly when he fell.

Today several leading con-tenders, including Mark Todd, on Regal Scot, Paddy Muir, the winner last year, on Laurence Brown, Kristina Gifford, on The Gangster and Pippa Funneli, on Rainbow Mag-"It looks straightforward - a . ic, will ride their tests.

GOLF: LEADING AMATEUR TASTES DEFEAT ON HIS HUNDREDTH MATCHPLAY APPEARANCE FOR ENGLAND

Wolstenholme hits back Smith breezes to victory

THE hundredth match was not much fun, but things looked up no end in No 101. The faithful and long-serving Gary Wolstenholme reached his century of appearances in England amateur international colours yesterday morning with the acrid scent of defeat strong in his nostrils, but emerged smelling of roses af-ter winning his singles match

in the afternoon. Wolstenholme, at 38 the oldest man in the England team in the home international seBY MEL WEBB

ries at Royal Porthcawl, was joined by Mark Sanders, the English amateur champion, in the morning foursomes against Scotland as he reached a milestone that had been passed by only two men

before him. How Peter McEvoy and Sir Michael Bonallack celebrated their hundredth appearance is lost in the mists of time, but Wolstenholme was beaten. He and Sanders were all square

with Graham Rankin and Ewan Forbes on the last, where a brillians three-iron by Rankin to four feet set the Scottish pair up for a conceded birdie to win by one hole. England led 3-2 after the foursomes, and in even wilder

weather in the afternoon, took the singles 6-4 to complete a 9-6 victory. Wolstenholme, playing at No 2 beat Craig Watson 3 and 2. England, winners for the last five years, will play ireland today to decide this year's championship.

ENGLAND, the defending champions, disposed of Wales with some ease in the women's home internationals at Burnham and Berrow yesterday, winning 6-2. Ireland and Scotland finished all square.

In conditions that were rated "a bit brisk" by one mem-ber -- more technical minds estimated the wind was gusting between force seven and eight - Kerry Smith, a chef, cooked up a storm of her own. When bearing Becky Morgan, of Wales, a Curtis Cup player,

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

Smith, no respecter of reputations, was never down and won on the 16th to take her tally to four wins out of four. .

After winning the four-somes, England took the top three singles to secure the match. The doughty Vicki Thomas, who first played in these matches before any of this England team were born, was the only Welsh winner, beating Rebecca Hudson by 4 and 3. In the battle of the Celts, Lil-

lian Behan, the Irish champion, bemused Alison Rose, her opponent, and the spectators with her patented brand of roller-coaster style entertainment. Three down after six, Behan, a notoriously sluggish starter, was one up six boles later and won on the 17th.

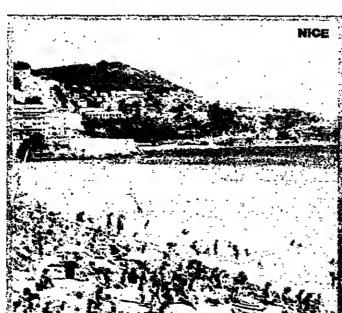
Oonagh Purfield and Tricia Mangan. Ireland's new caps. had winning debuts, beating Elaine Moffat, Scotland's champion and Hilary Monaghan, a Curus Cup player, re-

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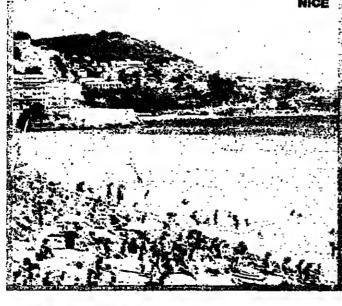
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Fong 15-1, 15-1; A Groves-Burke bt F Molta 15-4, 15-0; G Lewis and M Huges bit R Fong and E Yuen 15-7, 15-7, A Groves Burke and J Leong lost to B James Molta and R Clyde Fong 6-3, ret). Pool D: South Africa bi Brune: 4-1.

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WOMEN'S LEAME MODE AS Meadyste or Trandad and Tobago 5-0; Canada bi Je-maca 5-0. Pool 8: India bit Sn Lanka 5-0. Scotland bit Wales 4-1 (Scotland names first: S Watt lost to K Morgan 0-11, 0-11, G Martin bit G Osborne 13-49, 41,7; E Secretary bit Methods 13-10, 11-7: F Sneddon bt K Howell 11-4, 11-4: K McEwan and A Bunchflow-er bt N Groves-Burke and R Ashworth 15-4, 15-5, S Watt and E Middlemiss bt K Howell and G Osborne 15-5, 15-4). Pool C: Australia bi Samoa 5-0; Canada bi Jersey 4-1 Pool D; South Alica bi Jematca 3-2. England by Fig 5-0 (J Monn bt F Metiane Cheer 11-1, 11-0; T Hallam bt K Whiteside 11-2, I1-0: R Pantaney bt I Mepa 11-2, 11-0, J Davies and S Sankey bl F Mettane Cheer and K Boi Joe 15-1. 15-0: J Goode and D Kellogg bt G Agnes Yee and L Mapa 15-0, 15-1). SINGLES: Men: First round: P Nicol

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(Ken) bt L. Recontse (Bot) 9-6, 9-5; 9-4; A Cough (Males) bit 7 Micopane (Les) 9-8.
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(Zam) 9-6. 9-6. 9-0; O Evans (Males) bit 17 mm (Png) 9-0, 9-0, 9-3; M Soo (Males)-sia) bit P De Vertuli (Trin) 9-2, 9-2, 9-3; Sharke (Eng) bit J Lattaire (SA) 9-0, 8-0. 9-1, Z. Jahan Khan (Pak) bt D. Hunter (Pngl 9-3, 9-7, 9-5, P. Chilunda (Zam) bt M. Sealy (Bar) 8-1, 9-7, 9-4, S. Istern Khan (Pak) bt D. Heath (Scot) 9-2, 9-5, 9-5; J. Power (Can) bt S. Thilekaratna (Sd. Lanka) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0; M Chaioner (Eng) bt R Singh (Ken) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; C Van Der Wath (SA) bt S Morris (Bah) 9-4, 9-0, 9-4. M Heath (Scot) bt C Nishebe (Bot) 9-3, 9-3, 9-0; M Benjamin (Wales) bt P Tangane (Bot) 9-3, 9-3, 9-3; R Eyles (Aus) bt A Lwaz (Teal 6-0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0) gane (Bot) 9-5, 9-3, 9-3; R Eyles (Aus) bt A Lwaz (Tan) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, G Majrinye (Bot) bt C Singh (Ken) 9-2, 9-5, 9-5; D Palmer (Aus) bt N Kyme 9-0, 9-1, 9-0; M Zamon (Pak) bt H Singh (Ken) 9-2, 9-0, 9-2; P Nacol (Scor) bt R Pollerd (Suy) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; S Evens (Prig) bt. A Gu-lamah (Tan) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0; G Ryding (Can) bt N Blackburn (Gue) 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; O Beng Hee (Mas) bt T Donshus-Pah-ming (Bah) 9-1, 9-4, 9-2

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dominal CRICKET dressage Northamptonshire Sir Albert Spinning towards - Lorious victory

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 210 runs ahead of Sussex

AS IF Northamptonshire's season could get no worse, they now face the prospect of a possible maximum penalty of 25 Britannic Assurance championship points for the preparation of a sub-standard pitch at Wantage Road.

Harry Brind, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief inspector of pitches, was called to the ground after the umpires. Trevor Jesty and Bob White, had reported the pitch to Lord's on Wednesday with Northamptonshire struggling to 102 for six on a rain-shortened day. That was extended to 178 yesterday but Sussex, in reply, collapsed to 72 all out in an innings lasting only 139 minutes, their last five wickets going down for only six runs in 39 balls. NorthBy Thrasy Petropoulos

amptonshire, in turn, ended the day at 104 for four, a lead

Brind's inidal consideration would have been whether or not to convene a panel to inspect the pitch. The sight of a ball from Mark Robinson leaping from a length and clearing the wicketkeeper in the first over of the day would have gone some way to set-tling his mind. Northamptonshire made it

clear how they believed the pitch would play by including three spinners in their side, That as much as the worn appearance of a surface used over five days against Kent towards the end of last month, would only have served to heighten the suspicions of the umpires. The extravagant turn of the occasional ball on the opening day prompted the umpires to make their complaint.

The Sussex slide started the

Benjamin secures solitary success

BY RICHARD HOBSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four): Durham, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 251 runs behind Surrey

SURREY endured a frustrating period at the Riverside yesterday. They spent much of the time twiddling their thumbs in the dressing-room and, in the 14 overs possible between heavy showers, managed to claim just a single Durham wicket.

Lewis struggled on Wednesday evening and appeared just as uneasy when play began at one o'clock. He finally edged a ball from Benjamin to Batty, the wicketkeeper. With rain already in the air, it proved to be the last ball for more than four hours and the fact that Leicestershire, now ten points clear at the top of the Britannic Assurance county champbatsmen regularly at Grace Road in the meantime merely heightened the disappointment of Surrey.

They re-emerged at 5.20pm

with a renewed sense of purpose and Bicknell, in particular, was unlucky not to make further inroads into the Durham top order. Roseberry had scored three runs in 35 minutes when he was struck on the right hand and forced to retire hurt. Morris and Saggers, the night-watchman, survived the final three overs and Durham will resume today on 72 for one. The priority for Surrey today is to emulate Leicestershire by accumulating maximum

bowling points. Saggers has a point to prove to his county, however. He will be released at the end of the season along with Steve Lugsden, another mediumfast bowler, and Jason Searle, ionship, were removing Essex an off spinner.

the left-arm spinner playing in his first championship match of the season, turned his first ball of the match alarmingly to Wasim Khan. His third ball spun a similar distance but this time shot along the ground trapping the left-hander back on his stumps.

As much as the ball turned for both Davies and Jason Brown, the off spinner, the Sussex batsmen's answer consisted of little more than the forward prod and the sweep. Sure enough, Toby Peirce, Chris Adams and Alex Edwards were all undone sweeping and, with Shaun Humphries taken at slip, Davies completed career-best figures of five for 19.

Brown's contribution of five for 23 was no less significant. Only Rajesh Rao was out to an attacking shot, perishing in an attempt to clear mid-on, and Keith Newell, Justin Bates and Robin Martin-Jenkins were bowled through the gate, the latter off the inside edge. Robinson was picked up close to the wicket by Graeme Swann giving Brown his fourth haul of five or more wickets this season. This is his fourteenth first-class match and he has now taken 51 wickets.

Northamptonshire were themselves in danger of collapsing in their second innings before Kevin Curran. dug in for the second time in the day. In the morning his 60 had secured the lead of 106. which was almost doubled by the close of play.

Justin Bates, with three wickets to add to the four he picked up on Wednesday, put the efforts of Northamptonshire's spinners into perspec-tive. In all 15 of the 18 wickets that fell in the day went to the spinners.

The panel that will decided Northamotonshire's fate examined the pitch yesterday evening, but will announce their verdict only at the end of the match. If the county receive the maximum fine they could find themselves rooted to the foot of the championship

They should complete a comfortable victory in this match today. But at what cost?



Chris Lewis accepts congratulations for sending Paul Prichard, the Essex captain, on his way, as Leicestershire take a tight grip on the Britannic Assurance championship. Report, page 52. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport

Smith seams with the best

LORD'S (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, lead Middlesex by 129 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE have reached the upper echelons of the Britannic Assurance championship on the back of their seam bowling and their catching close to the wicket. This was demonstrated quite beautifully yesterday as they bowled out Middlesex for 158, gaining a useful first-innings lead of 80 runs.

Courtney Walsh, with four for 41, and Mike Smith, with five for 40, made excellent use of the seam, darting the ball this way and that, even with the old ball.

Mark Alleyne, at second or third slip, took four catches crease, they were in with a while Martyn Ball seized on a chance of overhauling the

Gloucestershire first-innings By JACK BAILEY couple of real beauties. This left one down the leg side for Jack Russell, one bowled and

Walsh has been doing this sort of thing for Gloucestershire game after game, year after year. Yesterday, he brought his tally of champion-ship wickets to 93. Smith has been less prolific, but a tally of 63 first-class wickets is not to be sniffed at, and, here, he produced a devastating final spell that brought him four

wickets for no runs in 11 balls. When Smith came on in mid-afternoon, Middlesex were not too badly placed, at 146 for five and, with Keith Brown and Paul Weekes at the

Five more for Headley

when Headley removed Bulbeck's middle stump with

a yorker. Caddick then lost his

off stump to become Headley's fiftieth first-class

victim of the season. Having

dismissed Somerset for 342,

Kent lost Folton in the second

over, brilliantly caught left-

handed by Holloway at leg

gully off Van Troost.

Turner and Bulbeck had put on 57 for the eighth wicket

CANTERBURY (second day of fourt: Kent, with nine firstinnings wickets in hand, are 325 runs behind Somerset

THREE wickets in 14 balls with the second new ball brought Dean Headley his fourth five-wicket haul of the season and a swift end to a useful Somerset rearguard.

total. Then Smith pounced and Ball and Alleyne pounced. too. In fact, both worked together to get rid of Hewitt. Alleyne knocking the ball up for Ball to complete the catch.

Fraser rather spoiled the act by departing, disbelieving, leg-before, and Tufnell fell. again caught by Alleyne, to Walsh, who played the leading part in undermining the Middlesex middle order, including the wicket of Mike Gatting, after a valiant two hours at the crease.

Gatting, scorer of 36,380 first-class runs has scored 77 of his 94 centuries for Middlesex. On Sunday, he is to be made a presentation on the occasion of his last match for Middlesex at Lord's: yesterday, he batted with character-

istic phlegm. The old, solid defence was there. So, too, was the occasional scorching square drive as he and Shah contrived to hold Middlesex together after Strauss, promising well, had been cut off.

Gloucestershire have already lost four cheap secondinnings wickets, but Alleyne is still there. The success attained by the men from the West Country this season has owed much to him: his batting, his bowling, his catching and, above all, his captaincy.

coaching at Garryowen in Limerick, and will take up the appointment on October 1. Hall succeeds Philip Danaher, who is now full-time assistant to the Ireland coach, Warren Gatland.

Hall played 22 times for England, captained Bath for two seasons, and achieved a double in the club's league successes, as captain in 1994 and coach in 1996. "1 was very pleased to be approached by Garryowen -I am aware of the club's outlook on the game, and I am looking forward to the challenge of adding to Garryowen's tradition of achievement," Hall said.

Kerr on the way

Now that Doug Ash has **Barnett** in announced his resignation as chief executive of English control for Rugby Partnership (ERP) and English First Division Rugby (EFDR), it looks odds-Derbyshire on that Donald Kerr, the



chairman, will follow. Apparently it is not a question of if, but when. It could be as early as Tuesday, when the EFDR meets in London. He would like to stay on

until Christmas, but time and forces are conspiring against him. Sir John Hall, of Newcastle, has been rumoured as a possible successor, but he might be onsiderea too contendou The smart money is on Keith Barwell, of Northampton, taking over.

John Gasson

Wasps are considering the most appropriate manner in which to honour the memory of John Gasson. their long-serving press officer, who died in July from leukemia at the age of 68. Gassoo served the club with distinction for more than 20 years. He also loved cricket and was a member of the MCC Estates committee, drawing on his experience as a surveyor. Any suggestions to Alan Bodenham on 0181 969

Morgan dinner

The Wooden Spoon Society is holding a tribute dinner for Cliff Morgan at the London Hilton on September 25. Demand for tickets has been phenomenal. The event, with Tony O'Reilly in the chair, sold out in weeks and 1,254 people are attending, among them 17 members of the 1955 British Lions. The London Welsh Male Voice Choir will sing on what promises to be an emotional night.

Crossed lines

So much for the auld alliance betweeo France and Scotland. Gregor Townsend is playing at centre for Brive rather than in his preferred positioo at fly half, at least until his command of the French language improves. Only then will he be able to call the shots from No t0, and be certain of being understood.

MARK SOUSTER

Stephenson's new opening hours bring modest gain

By IVO TENNANT

WORCESTER (second day of four): Hampshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 135 runs behind Worcestershire

HAMPSHIRE'S hopes of winning their fourth Britannic Assurance county championship match in succession were stymied as much by the weather as Worcestershire yesterday. A total of 34 overs were lost to rain and bad light in six stoppages.

Having bowled out Worcestershire for 212,

Hampshire made progress of sorts through John Stephenson's unbeaten 36, the top score of the match. He has reverted to opening the batting after starting the season in the guise of an all-rounder in the middle order, and showed a technique well suited to facing the new ball. This after he had taken his best figures of the

summer, four for 29. Three of these wickets were taken yesterday, including that of Rhodes, who was looking as likely as anybody to play a lengthy innings. There were four wickets for McLean, giving him 59 in all this season. He had Illingworth caught at point. Mascarenhas holding a well-judged low catch. Chapman, who made his highest score for Worcestershire. an unbeaten 19, hit the ball around to good effect with Sheriyar at the end of the innings.

Hampshire made a decent enough start before Haynes, who looks to move the ball off the seam at much the same pace as Stephenson. had White and Kendall leg-before in the space of three balls. The best shot of the day was off the last ball, a characteristically crashing square drive by Smith that went to the cover boundary. Stephenson remained until the close, bat and pad resolutely close together.

Britannic Assurance county championship Glamorgan v. Derbyshire Total (5 wicks, 60 overs) 181 K M Kritiken, 10 Blackweis, K J Dean and T M Smith to bol. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-26, 3-26, 4-32, 5-64. BOWLING Walkin 16-3-34-2; Parkin 17-5-44-2; Qala 13-2-40-1; Thomas 9-1-40-0; Cosker 5-1-13-0 Bonus points: Glemorgen 2 Derbystera 4. Northamptonshire v Sussex NORTHAMPTON pecond day of four)-Northamptonshire, with six second-innings satclets in hand, are 210 runs ahead of Sussex NORTHAMPTONSHIPE: First Innings R J Barley c Peince b Kintley A J Swann Row b Edwards A J Swann Row b Edwards A L Penbarthy c Adams b Batles D J G Sales Row b Batles D J G Sales Row b Batles Ly James Town Danes K Jinnes PRobrison 10 Roley b Robinson 6 P Swarin c and b Bales 22 J P Taylor c Newell b Kirtley M K Davies not out 17 Bornes (b 4, b 4, no 18) 22 23 24 25 26 27 27 27 5-08, 9-01, 7-14c, 9-163, 9-173. BOWLING Kirley 15-2-48-3: Edwards 5-0 19-1, Sates 28-4-89-4; Robinson 19-9-34-2.

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M J Wood not out
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O Byes bw b Murition
P Pariser of Gless b Brown
RJ J Belevy b Brown
G M Hamilton not out Total (4 wids) 104
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-28, 3-31, 4-35.
BOWLING: Kittley 5-2-9-1; Edwards 3-0-8-0.
Buses 13-3-36-3; Robinson 5-1-7-0. Pao 12-2-35-0 SUSSEX: First Innings MITE Peace & Devies

Total (43.5 overs) 72
FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-19, 3-35, 4-48, 5-49, 6-66, 7-68, 8-66, 9-72 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-65, 2-65. BOWLING Taylor 7-2-30-0; Penberthy 2-1-2-1: Davies 19-10-19-5, Brown 15-5-3-23-5. J J B Laws c Batty b Benjamin ...

Total (5 wids, 102 overs) 311 J O Middlebrook, C E W Silvenwood, P M Hutchleon and M J Hopgard to ball. FALL OF WICKETS 1-29, 2-41, 3-85, 4-116. 5-633. BOM/LING: Guidins 30-9-98-1; Brown 26-8-77-2; Munion 27-9-74-2; Giles 17-8-34-0. Smith 2-0-7-0 SMBD 24-7-0 WARANCISHIRE: "N V Knight, M A Wagh, O I. Nemp, T I. Pannay, A Singh, O R Brown, N M K Smith, th. J Piper, A F Gree, T Allumton, E S H Glotches. nue points: Yorkshire 3 Werwickshire 2 Wores v Hampshire WORCESTER (second day of four): Hamp-shire, with eight first-immags wickets in hand, are 135 nurs behind Worcestershire Total (84 overs) 212
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-35, 3-38, 4-68, 5-89, 6-133, 7-153, 8-158, 9-187
BOWLING Michael 21-1-824, Moris 16-4-

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS 47-2; James 11-2-25-0; Udel 1-0-1-0; Signhenson 12-3-29-4; Mascerenhas tA N Aymes, M Keech, A O Mascarentes, K O James, A C Morris, N McLeen and S O BOWLING: Shertyar 3-0-17-0; Chapman 6-1-26-0; Lampitt 11-4-16-0; Haynec 8-3-17-2 Borus points; Worcs 1 Hampshire 4. Durham v Surrey RIVERSIDE (second day of lour). Durham, with nine first-mings wokers in hand, are 251 runs bahind Surrey SURREY: First Innings 323 (AJ Hot AD Brown 51; J Wood 4 for 87)

JA Deley, "D C Boon, P O Collingwood, 1M P Speight, N C Philips, J Wood and S J Hermison to bat.

FALL OF WICKET 1-51.

FOUND NO. Berlong 138.056. P C Hollocke BOWLING, Bicknet 12-5-25-0; B C Hollicake 3-1-12-0; Sacksin Mushtaq 1-0-5-0, Benjamin 5-0-26-1; A J Hollicake 2-2-0-0 Kent v Somerset

CANTERBURY (second day of lour): Kent, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 325 runs behind Somersel 325 runs behind Somersel
SOMERSET: First Innings
"P C Bowler b Reming.
"P C L Hollowey o Flerring b Headley
M E Trescothick o Flerring b Philips
M N Lathwell o Hooper b Headley
M Burns b Flerring
G O Rose o Kay b Headley
A R X Plerson b Flerring
M Buthack b Headley
A R Caddick b Headley
A P ven Troost not out. Total (112.4 overs) 342 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-29, 3-65, 4-229, 5-231, 8-233, 7-274, 8-231, 9-335

Total (1 wkt, 7 overs) 17 ET Smith, C L Hooper, A P Wells, M J Walfer, M V Headley and M Peter to be a M M PEUS TO DOS.
FALL OF WICKET 1-8
BOWLING: Caddid. 4-2-9-0: van Troos.
3-1-4-1. Borus points Kent 4 Somerset 3. Middlesex v Gloucs

LORD'S (second day of four)' Glouces shire, with so, second-traines inchess hand, are 129 runs ahead of Middlesea GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings GLOUCESTIFRESHIPE: First II
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T H C Hancock b Fraser
O R Hewson c Stah b Johnson
M G M Windows tow b Johnson
H G Russell c Brown b Hewitt
M C J Ball not out
L Lewise C Weekes b Hewitt

L Lewise B Weekes b Hewitt M C J Bernot out
I Lewis c Weekes b Hewitt
A M Smith c Brown b Hewitt
C A Walsh low b Fraser
Extres (lb B, w 12) Total (88.4 overs) 238
FALL OF WICKETS 1-50, 2-53, 3-60, 4-60, 5-67, 6-122, 7-196, 6-186, 8-186
BOWLING, Frister 25-47-48-3, Hawnt 22-5-61-3; Johnson 23-6-5-64, Tutnet 12-3-42-0, Kattleborough 5-0-19-0, Weekes 1-0-4-0

Second Innings

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R J Cuntifie flow b Johnson

T H C Henrock flow b Fraser

O R Hewson c Weekes b Johnson

"M W Alleyne not out

J Leuts flow b Hewat

A M Smith not out Total (4 wids) _____ 4 FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-19, 3-22, 4-37

BOWLING: Fraser 7-3-9-1; Hewat 4-1-11-1; Johnson 5-0-29-2 Total (57.2 overs) 158 FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-23, 3-57, 4-109, 5-120, 6-146, 7-146, 8-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-147, 9-

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Yorkshire hopes sustained by solidity of Wood By PAT GIBSON

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changed hands. In scoring 72

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117 in 34 overs with Dominic

teed that, if the weather allows

either side to win, the benefi-ciaries will be Derbyshire.

After the new-ball spell from Watkin, - two for 14 in ten

overs, with a slip catch dropped en route — Barnett

up seamers. Last month, he

joined Gaming, Hick and Rob-

inson as the only active county

cricketers to score 25,000 runs.

Yesterday, he peppered the boundaries, hitting ten fours

off 121 balls, as though he had

another 5,000 runs in hand.

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Cork, Barnett almost guaran-

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Yorkshire have scored 311 for five wickets against

ALL Matthew Wood knows about Yorkshire's proud record of 30 county championships (one of them shared) was learnt at his father's knee. but he played in the great tradition yesterday to keep alive their lingering hopes of winning the Britannic Assurance title in his first full season. Wood, born in 1977, nine years after Yorkshire last won the championship, not only scored his third century on the most notorious pitch in the land but went on to an undefeated 160, the highest score of his brief career.

What is more, he had gone in when the pitch was at its most capricious. It was much livelier than the day before after a night under covers. and in Giddins, Brown and Munton, Warwickshire had the bowlers to exploit the considerable movement and occasional uneven bounce. Vaughan was bowled shouldering arms to Giddins. White and Byas were cleaned up by Munton and when Parker was caught in the gully off Brown, Yorkshire were heading for

trouble at 116 for four.

Wood, however, made light of the conditions.

He drove, cut and pulled the Warwickshire attack to the point of despair in partnerships of 136 with Blakey and 58, unbroken, with Hamilton.

To make matters worse for Warwickshire, their batting, already missing Lara with knee trouble, was further weakened when Singh was sent to hospital with a suspected fractured shin. the legacy of a blow he took while fielding against Leicestershire last week.



Davenport stands between Williams and place in final



Williams fought back strongly to defeat Sánchez-Vicario in the quarter-final. Photograph: Stan Honda

Venus must keep rising

A SERIES of intriguing cam-eos surround the four wom-en's semi-finalists at the US Open here at Flushing Meadows. Foremost among them is the plot that could result in any three of the players heading the rankings after the final tomorrow, Ironically, the imposter is the one whose father loudly proclaimed that she would be: Venus Williams.

It has been an interesting tournament for Williams, who reversed an early tide of errors io overwhelm Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, late on Wednesday night. There has been the usual bout of controversy, albeit mild. There has been the usual destruction of her early opponents, but there has also been a dissipation of her support.

The galleries once hyp-notised by her remarkable unbringing are no longer entranced and Williams is well aware of it. The crowd has their favourites," she deferred. "I am still a new player on the

Williams's second-set duel with Mary Pierce in the fourth round echoed to fumultuous

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FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN NEW YORK

was a similar story against Sánchez-Vicario: they chanted for Williams when she was down, then reversed their support when she forged ahead. Such ambivalence hardly squares with the New York perception that if you're not American, you're not worth watching.

in that respect, it will be fascinating to witness the crowd's allegiance for Williams's semi-final against Linsday Davenport, whose only similarity to Williams is her nationality. Davenport, seeded No.2 revels in the luxury of anonynimity. Her intelligence and eloquence cannot manifest themselves on court. Her prowess is viewed as something of a spoiler to the glamour scenario.

Williams's every move is heavily scrutinised and her mid-court victory jig after dismissing Pierce was interpreted as a sign of disrespect. This is a theme that constantly rears up around Williams, her applause for both players. It Richard, who plainly likes the

sound of his own voice. It was he who triggered the spat over Williams's failure to wear the WTA Tour sponsor's logo; he who suggested that the entire tournament should be transferred to the deprived Los Angeles suburb of Compton. where he reared his children amid gunshots.

The time is fast approaching for Williams, 18, to garnish her potential with titles. Her attacking strategy in dismiss-ing Sanchez-Vicario will be

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more seriously tested by the powerful groundstrokes of Davenport, who leads their previous encounters 4-1.

second semi-final together Martina The brines Hingis, the defending champion, and Jana Novotna, who mastered Hingis in the semifinals at Wimbledon. Indeed, each of Novotna's three victories over Hingis have been gained on the fastest surfa The fascination within this victory over Novotna tonight.

mood of the two players. It would have been unthinkable 12 months ago to suggest that Novotna, 29, would have the greater momentum. Her Wimbledon triumph has released her from the mental shackles of previous grandslam failures. She has won 22 of her past 24 matches, has found self-assurance and has cantered through each of her

Hingis, by contrast, has failed to assert the dominance she established at the start of 1997. She appears inhibited by the threat of failure. Her form is considerably removed from the level that swept her to three of the four grand-slam titles last year.

five matches here.

Whatever their fate across the net. Hingis and Novotna will team up on the same side to contest the doubles final. The combination yesterday triumphed in routine fashion over Lisa Raymond, and Rennae Stubbs to establish the possibility that Hingis, 17, could complete a doubles grand slam. She would doubtless trade all those titles

Players subject to whims of TV

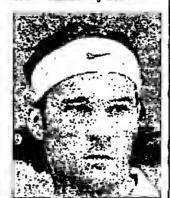
FROM ALIX RAMSAY

IT IS the eleventh day of the US Open and the bags under the eyes of the staff at Flushing Meadows are growing heavier by the bour. It is the same the world over at this stage of a grand-slam tournament, but anywhere else the feeling of tension — and relief — that the finals are ap-proaching would be enough

to keep everyone going.

The second Thursday should be women's semifinals day, allowing the win-ners a day off before Saturday's final and whetting the apperite for the men's semi-finals on Friday. Nor-mally the place would be full of spectators settling in for a day of important matches. But this is America, where everything is different, and anyone who forked out their \$45 for a ticket to the daytime

session was in for a thin time. The only match of note was the last men's quarter-final between Carlos Moya and Magnus Larsson, but seeing as neither of them was an American and was thus deemed to be an unknown. the French Open champion found his match wedged in between a doubles semi-final and the mixed doubles final. Moya must be getting used to such treatment by now.



Moya: tough schedule

His previous match against Alex Corretja was scheduled as the last during the night session on Tuesday, following Martina Hingis and Monica Seles. By the time the women dwindled to around 1,500.

It was not much better yesterday. Moyà took to the court in front of rows and rows of empty seats. The handful of speciators who did bother to turn up just made the place look untidy.

Having ground to a hall yesterday, the Open oow begins a mad dash to the finishing tape, thanks to the power of television. Tomorrow it is back to the bad old days of Super Saturday. where the women's final is played in between the two men's semi-finals.

The womeo have no idea when their match will start, while the men in the second semi-final are at a distinct disadvantage, being kept on court until the evening, so allowing less recovery time

before the final on Sunday. It was different last year. when the two singles finals were both played on Sunday. but since then CBS has won back the contract to show Sunday American football and the scheduling must make way for the NFL. In the US Open, tennis is secondary to the business of making

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 46

HELLYON

(c) Or hellion. A troublesome or disreputable person: a mischievous child. Probably a variant of hallion a lout or lazy rascal. H. G.: Wells, You can't be too Careful, 1941: "That vision of Swedenborg's when all the damned and blessed fly of their own accord to the particular places appointed for them, bellyons of every sort to their hells and the blessed to their

JUDDITE (c) A mineral of the amphibole group. The eponym of John Wesley Judd | 1840-1916), English geologist. It may thus be concluded that the juddites generally refer to (manganoan) magnesioriebeckite

NIGHTINGALE

(a) The edible frog. Rana esculenta, which was introduced into East Anglia early in the 19th century. The lakes, canals and meres of East Anglia became well-stocked with [edible] frogs. Locals called these invaders Cambridgeshire nightingales." HARPUTSBOS (c) An evergreeo shrob

belonging to the genus Euryops, especially the resin-bush.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Flowers on the rampage

Gardens of the Caribbean Channel 4, 8.00pm

Anne Swithinbank offers a six-part tour of the horticulture of the West Indies, helped by photography which is more than equal to the tushness of the vegetation and its dazzling colours. She begins in a rainforest in Trinidad, the perfect place for the observation that, in a tropical climate, growth rates can be phenomenal. The problem is not getting things to grow, but keeping them in theck. Surprisingly, perhaps, she spots many flowers similar to those at home. But her focus is on the native plants, even ones she personally does not care for such as the waxy anthuriums. Swithinbank takes her friendly approach and unfeigned enthusiasm to a couple of showcase gardens, a flower market and a veteran grower who specialises in what the locals call "sexy pinks".

Dangerfield BBC1, 9.30pm

As foreshadowed in the previous series. Nigel Havers's Dr Jonathan Paige has taken charge of the Warwickshire surgery. He arrives promising a "complete overhaul of management procedures", which may have the staff quaking but seems unlikely to captivate the viewers. More promising is the fallout from Paige's other job as police surgeon. The new Dl. Gillian Cramer (Jans Gurnett), is a possible source of romance for the divorced doctor, though she is a forthright Gurnett, is a possible source of romance for the divorced doctor, though she is a forthright character who is likely to set her own terms. Meanwhile. Paige and Cramer form a prickly alliance to solve a murder at a fairground, behind which is an acrimonious family history. Tony McHale's script enshrines an infallible rule: if a suspect confesses with 15 minutes of the episode still to go you can be sure that he or she is covering up for the real killer.

Never Mind the Buzzcocks

Radio 4, 11.30pm

BBC2, 10.00pm It is curious how so many of today's younger comics are owing their celebrity (not to mention their bread and butter) to a genre which in earlier and more irreverent days they would have despised. This is the panel game. Mention Mark Lamarr, Phill Jupitus and Sean Hughes and what

Nigel Havers and Jane Gurnett star in a new series of Dangerfield (BBCL, 9.30pm) springs to mind is not their careers in stand-up but their roles as chairman and team captains on Never Mind the Buzzocks. Or you can argue that this pop music quiz is an ironic subversion of the genre, rather than an endorsement of it, and that behind the banter. Lamarr, Jupitus and Hughes are people who genuinely like popular music Another who has come better known for panel shows than original material is Vic Reeves. By chance he guests tonight, in a reversal of the roles he and Lamarr perform on Shooting Stars.

Rock Family Trees: Sabbath, Bloody Sabbath

Here is the story of four working class lads from Aston. Birmingham, for whom making music offered a way out of life in a factory. The quartet who became Black Sabbath came together in 1968 as a result of an ad in a local music shop and went through a couple of changes of name before hitting on the title that summed up their mixture of hard rock and demonic imagery. Their act was outrageous. They spat, they screamed, they shouted obscenities. The drummer threw his kit at the audience. The record companies were sceptical but they became a cult success on both sides of the Atlantic, took to drink and drugs, broke up, reformed and survived. The four originals, Geezer Butler, Ozzy Osbourne, Tony lommi and Bill Ward, tell it how it was. BBC2, 11.15pm

The Friday Play: Beauty and the Beasts

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stars as Anihea Lostgarden, just back in Britain after ten years spent in the African bush. She is a scientist with a particular interest in the

scientist with a particular interest in the relationship between man and the apes. She develops a new theory about this link and decides to test it on Bill and Rick (Trevor Peacock and Darren Tighe) who have been called in to decorate her house. Bill and Rick are greeted by the loud sound of apes, but decide this must be "the plumbing". For the builders, this is the chance to make a lot of money out of Lostgarden, a conclusion they are quite likely to revise as time poss by

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7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 Along the Great North Road 7.45 Come Inside 8.00 News 8.15 Oit the Shell: Human Croquet 2/13 8.30 Music Review 8.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Westway 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 Speaking of English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 A Grean History of the Planet 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Bringing Up Baby 2.00 Newshout 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Musitrack: Alternative 4.00 News 4.05 Football Extra 4.15 Stories from the Atterfile 4.30 Science in Action; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 How To Ustein (648 only) News in German 6.00 Service 10.00 News 7.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News 7.00 Newsdesk 7.00 Ne

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Barley 8.00 Henry Kelly, Includes the Hall of Fame

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Crick Includes Continuous Classics plus sport updates and

Radio 4. 9.00pm

RADIO CHOICE

Horses for Courses

A former Editor of *The Times* once asked me if I wanted to buy "part of a horse", but that sounded too much like something out of *The Godfather*, so I declined. You may have deduced from this that horse racing is a bit of mystery to me but I learnt plenty from the first of this series presented by Robin Oakley, the BBC's political editor. Tonight we discover something about the qualities that a successful horse needs, but useful attributes vary according to different people. Oakley recalls one trainer who bought a horse because, "even though it had the body of Mr Bean it had the head of t had the body of Mr Bean it had the head of Arkle". More usually, look for "good strong quarters for propulsion". And apparently you can buy "a very nice filly" for £18,000.

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Moyles 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radditle 4.00 Daw Pearre, includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Pele Tong's Essantial Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Westwood; Radio 1 Rap Show 2.00em Fabro and Groovender 4.00 Emma B

RADIO 2

6.00mm Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durm 7.00 Glarnorous Nights: The Nor Novelo Story 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.15 Saturday Night and Sunday Moming 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Easy Does it 10.30 The Arts Programme 12.05am Charles Nove 4.00 Jackie Bird

RADIO 5 LIVE

12.00 The Midday News with Victoria Derbyshire 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co. Includes racing from Doncaster 4.00 Nationwide with Jane Garvey 7.00 News Edita. Presented by Susan Bookbinder 7.30 Alan Green's Sportsnight, Include commentary from Prenton Park, where Transmere Flowers play Huddersfield Town in the First Division 10.00 Late Night Live with Brian Hayes 1.00am Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

8.30am Jonethan Ross 9.30 Bobby Hein 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Mark Forrest 7.00 Wheels of Steel 11.00 James Memb

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VIRGIN RADIO

TALK RADIO 6.306m Bill Overton and Kirsty Young 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Reaburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Mike Allen 2.00am

Crick Instades Communics Classics plus sport updates and bravel news 6.30 Newshight. Top stones and interviews with guests from the ans world. Presented by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven with John Brunning 9.00 Evening Concert. William Lloyd Webber (Invocation); Elgar (Engme Vartelions); Stanlord (Irish Rhapcody No 4 in Amsnor); Vaughan Williams (A Pastoral Symphony) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Air. Presented by Petroc Trelawry.
Includes Stanford (The Bluebird); Copland
(Clarinet Concerto); Britten/Berkeley [Mont Juic).
Rossini (Overture: An Italian Girt in Algiers)
9.00 Masterworks, with Penny Gore. Includes Boyce
(Symphony in D minor. Op 2 No 8); Chopin (Two
Waltzes, Op 64); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in
D minor); Handiel (Chandos Anthem No 5; I Will
Megnify Thee): Chopin (Wetz in A flot Op 42): D mnor): Handel (Chandos Anthem No 5; I Will Magnity Thee); Chopin (Watz m A fiat, Op 42); Georg Muffet (Sonata No 5 in G. Armonico tributo) 10.30 Artist of the Week: Jean-Yves Trithaudet 11.00 Sound Stories: Siren Volces. Richard Baker lets the story of Violet Gordon Woodhouse.

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Janáček 1.00pm The Ratifo 3 Lunchtime Concert:

Menchester Summer Recital. Featuring Guido Schiefen, cello, Alhedo Pert, piano Beethoven (Cello Sonatas in G. minor, Op 5 No 2; In D. Op 102 No 2)

102 No 2) 2.00 BBC Proms 96. Monday's Prom (r) more early music recordings, including works by Frescobaldi, Fayrfax and Bach and a rude song by Lassus 4.45 Music Machine: In at the Deep End (r) 5.00 in Tune. Sean Railerly investigates the story of

by fire 300 years ago
7.30 BBC Proms 98 Ruth Ziesak, soprano, Bernarda
Fink, contralto, Herbert Lippert, tenor, Neal Davies,
bass, Amold Shoenberg Choir, Chamber
Orchestra of Europe under Niklaus Hamoncourt Beethoven (Missa Solemnis)

9.15 Postcript: Living Ideas. Dr Simon Critchely defends the modern French-Jewish philosopher Emmarruel Levinas (5/5) (r)

9.30 Impromptus. Composed by by Fauré for piano and harp solo. Paul Crossley, piano, Marisa Robles, harp.

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Robles, harp

9.50 Sounding the Century. Dominic Richards, piano.
Royal College of Music 20th Century Ensemble
under Edwin Rorburgh. Ravel, arr Boulez:
(Frontispiece, first UK performance); Luke Bactford
(Sick Paractise, first performance), Colin Marthews
(Hidden Variables), Richard Causton (The
Persistence of Memory); Tristen Muraft
(Desintegrations); Messiaen (Couleurs de la Cite
Celeste)

11.30 Swinging with Uncle Joe. A lour-part history of lazz under Communism (2/4) (r)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Elister and Welff (r)
1.00em Through The Night

4.00 News; Open Book. James Naughtre and a group of readers talk to the writer Jung Chang (r) 4.30 The Message. Alex Brodie and guests engage in

conversation about how current media trends

affect our lives
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Clare English 5.54 (LW)
Shepping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 The News Outz, with
Simon Hoggart, the *Times* columnist Alan Coren,
Andy Hamilton and guests
7.00 News; The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Francise
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7.45 Dear Jayne Browne: End of Innocence, by Nick Fisher. With Jill Balcon, Stella Gonet, Angela Pleasance and Valerie Samul (5/5) (r)
8.00 News; The Commission: Education. Nick Ross is joined for a debate by Lord Clement Jones. Ruth Lea and the Times columnist Simon Jenkins
8.45 Letter from America. by Alistair Croke.

8.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.00 News; The Friday Play: Seauty and the
Beasts. A black comedy by Mike Harris With
Stella Gonet, Trevor Peacock and Darren Tighe.

See Choice 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustin 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Diviner, Rosale

6.00am Today, with Anna Ford and John Humphrys. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day

9.00 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Anthony Clare labs to the investigative journalist Gitta Sereny, author of a controversial book about Mary Bell which has raised a number of fundamental controlled.

Bell which has raised a number of fundamental questions about human nature (r)

9.45 (LW) An Act of Worshitp

9.45 (FM) The Owl's Watchsong, Tim Pigoti-Smith reads J A Cuddon's 1950s inbute to the once impensify of Islanbul and its inhabitants (5/5)

10.00 News; Wornsen's Hour, with Jenn Murray

11.00 News; A Gothic Cethedral, Smon Fanshawe tels the story of Rogel's Theseurus of English Words and Phrases

11.30 Bebblewick Hait, Scoti Cherry's 18th-century company stamps (Nothings Le Prenost France)

11.30 Babblewick Hall, Scotl Cherry's 18th-cartury comedy starring Nicholas Le Prevost, Forbes Masson and Dave Hill
12.00 (FM) News; You and Yours. Introduced by John Waite 12.57pm Weather
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.30 Foul Play. A new series of the murder-mystery panel game. Simon Brett is joined by Ruth Dudley Edwards and Robert Richardson. With Marra McErlane and Lee Simoson as the witnesses McErlane and Lee Simpson as the witnesses 2.00 News; The Archers (i)

2.15 Afternoon Play: Legal Affairs. Chris
Thompson's series about three solicitors in a
country practice in the Midlands. With Graham
Packen, Nina Thomas, Andrew Robinson and

Meora Syal (3/5) (r)
3.00 News: Check Up. The weekly health phone-in

with Barbara Myers
3.30 Blind Man on the Rampage. The BBC deabilities correspondent Peter White presents live programmes with a unique take on Mo (5/5) (r)
3.45 Feedback. Chris Dunkley with isteners' letters

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Diviner. Rosaleen Linehan reads the last of five short stories by Brian Friet When Neily Doherty's husband is drowned in Lake Keeragh, the villagers employ a diviner to find his body, and a shameful secret is discovered 11.00 Late Night on 4: Late Tackle. More late-night societies conversation.

11.00 Late reight on at Leve sporting conversation 11.30 Horses for Courses. Robin Oakley, racing enthusiast and political editor of the BBC, follows and political editors as they are enthusiast and political editor of the BBC, tollows the progress of a group of yearlings as they are prepared for their list races. See Choice 12.00 News 12.30sm The Late Book: Tales From Ovid. Ted Hughes reads from his award-wanting reworking of Ovid's Metamorphoses (i) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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How much longer can they keep this up?

The team running Viagra trials in Bristol were faced with several knotty little problems, some of them really quite hard. As one nice young doctor put it. "We needed a tool thet would help us quantify erections." Oops. They developed the RigiScan, a

nifty device for detecting penile turnescence, collected a library of pornographic videos to stimulate sexual response and introduced the concept of keeping an "erection diary". Just don't leave it lying around when auotie visits.

But the biggest challenge to come up on Sexual Chemistry (BBC2), Horizon's history of the treatment of impotence (or "male erectile dysfunction" as we must now call it) was how to avoid accidental doubles entendres, or worse, outright sniggering.

They plumped for a reassuringly sensible, motherly voiceover. My review tape lacked end credits,

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but it sounded like the actress Lynda Bellingham. (By the time this hits the newsagents I will know if I was right.) There was a lot hanging on these men's erec-tions, she intoned solemnly, as if Viagra wouldn't melt in her mouth, and then I heard it - an unmistakable snort. Sadly this will have been edited out of the broadcast programme, but I prom-

The response of serious documentary-makers to anything viewers might find embarrassing is to get exceptionally po-faced and serious. We had sombre, slightly cerie incidental music during the introductory sequence and lots of impressively scientific shots of the banks of little drawers that re-search pharmacologists keep their experimental drugs in - that sort of thing. And with the exception of that tell-tale snort, the voiceover maintained an air of majestic calm and warm, caring sobriety.

But my tape also lacked the computer graphics used to illustrate those erections off which so much was to hang and some wag had substituted the missing mate-rial with the caption "Computer Graphics II — The Full Monty". So we now know that the more sepulchral the tone, the more likely it is that the production team are rolling around the editing room in fits of adolescent mirth.

t seems to me that there has actually been a great deal of coverage of this subject, even before Viagra thrust itself upon the nation's consciousness. Apart from a rainforest's-worth of newsprint about the drug itself, we have had radio programmes, television snippets and any number of press articles about earlier treatments for male impotence. But this programme did have some enter-I hadn't realised that vacuumREVIEW

pump devices were invented by an American car-tyre repair man called Geddings Osbon, who made his first contraption out of bits of windscreen washers and a

doctor who invented penile injections (have you noticed that nurses always say: "You'll just feel a little scratch" these days?) had demonstrated on himself in front of an uonal experts.

The more interesting material

concerned the development of the drug. This combined the accidental discovery, by researchers at Pfizer Ltd in Kent, of the agent that allows blood flow into the penis, with the discovery in America that nitric oxide provides the chemical message from the brain which stimulates arousal. The final element was the race to develop a female equivalent drug, about which the researchers were reluc-

tant to give much away.

A golden future beckons. it seems, when worn-out middleaged couples will put the children to bed, pop a pill apiece over their supper and be primed and ready to go, before deciding they are too tired and falling askeep anyway.

Self-help of a rather different kind was on the agenda in two new series that started last night. Nigel Slater's Real Food (Channel 4) foodie sensuality, as the fashion-able young chef found ever more inventive ways of making love to free-range chickens.

t first glance, Slater looks slightly nerdy, with his little homely, boyish features. But don't be fooled by those cheeky little nose-wrinkling expressions. This man approaches poultry with the practised seductive arts of the most ruthless Casanova. He even recruited like-minded

friends. Peter Gordon made a luscious-looking Singaporean spicy chicken soup, while this paper's former columnist Nigella Lawson did things with roast chicken that would make your eyes water. never mind your mouth. Slater's approach is not as

"simple" as he claims, in that he tustles up little numbers involving 16 ingredients, half of which are

his emhusiasm is infectious and he has the creative spontaneity of a jazz musician - a perfect anodote to Delia Smith.

Another kind of sensual plea-

sure returned with the new series of Ground Force (BBC1). This is a "makeover" programme, with a dash of Challenge Anneka thrown in, as last night the team struggled to finish the new garden before international women's rugby star. Debbie Francis got home.

As gardening programmes go. it's not at all bad. Alan Titchmarsh's designs are imaginative and not impracticable, but the real pleasure for me comes from watching Charlie Dimmock, his female assistant. With the strong frame and unkempt locks of a Saxon farmer's wife, she exudes a vigorous. springy enthusiasm, even more appensing than That green chicken curry. Viagra anybody?

÷.∜∂BBC1∵`.;₹ 6.00am Business Breakfast (25508)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (12782) 9.00 Kitroy (7731140)

9.40 Breakers (7683850) 10.05 Sex Wers Why are men inclined to pursue younger women? (9657879) 10.30 Daily Live (T) (4244633) 10.55 News (T) and weather (1895169)

11.00 Style Challenge Two patriotic pals go in for a thoroughly British look, ready for the last night of the Proms (1805546) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (1808633)

11.55 Neighbours (T) (4292966) 12.20pm News (T) and weather (7821072) 12.50 Live Commonwealth Games Grandstand Steve Rider Introduces coverage of the opening ceremony from

Ine Bukit Jalii Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, attended by Prince Edward, President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, King Tuanku of Malaysia and representatives of the Queen (T) (43547817) 3.25 Playdays (r) (7949633) 3.45 Arthur (r)

(1740091) 4.10 Ace Ventura. Pet Detective (T) (6261527) 4.35 Ctarissa Explains II All (T) (3316527) 5.00 Newsround (T) (8527879) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (6860879)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (447091) 6.00 News (T) and weather (817)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (169) 7.00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson New series of consumer Investigations (T) (674904)

7.25 Top of the Pops Jamie Theakston introduces Music from All Saints; 5ive; Hole; Sheryl Crow; and the Manic Street Preachers (T) (653411)

7.50 Fawity Towers: The Psychiatrist A psychiatrist checks in all the hotel and becomes intrigued by the behaviour of manager Basil (r) (T) (279430)

8.30 Only Fools and Horses: May The Force Be With You Rodney un causes an uproar by bringing home a stranger (r) (T) (9546)

9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

9.30 CHOICE Dangerfield: Local Colour New series of the detective drama. Nigel Havers takes over the job of Warwickshire police surgeon from Nigel Le Vaillant, and soon finds himself in conflict with career-minded copper Jane Gumett (T) (757140)

10.20 The Hit List (1993) Thriller, with Jeff Fahey, Yancy Butler and James Coburn, A professional assassin is assigned to protect a woman from her late husband's shadowy business partners, and soon learns the perils of mixing business with pleasure. Directed by William Webb (T) (9703898)

11.50 The Babe (1992) Biopic of baseball legend George "Babe" Ruth, starring John Goodman and Kelly McGillis. Diracted by Arthur Hiller (983966) 1.45am Weather (2812034)

1.50 Commonwealth Games Live update on swimming events from Kuala Lumpur

4.00 BBC News 24

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6.10am Social Scientists at Work (7995904)

7.00 Teletubbies (r) (1539966) 7.25 The Smurfs (r) (1541701) 7.50 Cartoon Critters (r) (T) (3387898) 8.15 Noah's Island (4024188) 8.35 Spot (8500140) 8.45 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (6781614) 9.10 Cry of the Beluga (6614701) 9.55 Cartoon (9662701) 10.00 eletubbies (74661)

10.30 When the Whates Came (1989) Pre-First World War drama set in the Isles of Scilly with Helen Mirren and Paul Scotleld, Directed by Clive Rees (T) (15596614)

12.10pm Wildlife on Two (r) (T) (7905459) 12.40 Johnson and Friends (17397546) 12.50 Working Lunch (2359053) 1.15 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (2990966)

2.05 Racing from Goodwood Coverage of the 2.15, 2.45 and 3,15 races (2418850) 3.25 Commonwealth Games Grandstand Further coverage of the opening ceremony (3340053)

4.15 World Cup Athletics Sue Barker introduces action from the World Cup in Johannesburg including the men's 100m (49537140) 6.00 The Simpsons (T) (787188)

6.45 Commonwealth Games and World Cup Athletics Highlights of the opening ceremony from Kuala Lumpur and action from the World Cup (3432121)

8.00 Country Tracks The secret past of Orford Ness; why the intelligence of owls has been overrated; wilderness training in the Country Tracks Challenge (T) (8053) 8.30 Gardeners' World A Japanese plot in Dumínes; an intriguing community garden project in southeast London (1)

9.00 Game On (r) (T) (4072) 9.30 Rab C. Nesbitt Gash decides his wife

isn'i quite as dishy as his sister-in-law (T) (76817)

10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Mark Lamair hosis a new comedians Vic Reeves and Bill Bailey, Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles, and Silversun's James Broad joining Phill Jupitus and Sean Hughes (1) (38169)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (977362)



Ozzy Osbourne, lead singer of the notorious Black Sabbath (11.15pm)

11.15 Rock Family Trees: Sabbath, Bloody Sabbath The history of heavy metal band Black Sabbath (T) (496072)

12.05am Comedy Nation Comedy sketch

12.35 Later with Jools Holland Embrace; Blackstreet; M People; Cast (r) (2635473) 1.35 The Man in the Mirror (1936, b/w) Fastmoving farce with Edward Everett Horton and Alastair Sim. Directed by Maurice

Evey (2149270) 2.55 Weather (7938183)

6.00am GMTV (1093633)

9.25 Vanessa (T) (6620362) 10.15 This Morning (T) (84213053) 12.15pm Regional News (2390966) 12.30 News (T) and weather (50879)

1.00 WALES: The Dressing Up Show: Swinging at 60 (1) (17237) 1.00 Relative Knowledga (r) (17237) 1.30 Home in the Country (42850)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (3269898) 2.45 WALES: Get Gardening (r) (654343) 2.45 The Dressing Up Show: Charity Ball

3.20 Regional News and weather (5634188) 3.25 Wizadora (r) (5617411) 3.35 Archibald and the Koala (4073904) 3.50 The Forgotten Toys (r) (4054817) 4.00 Blazzing Dragons (r) (T) (6520237) 4.15 Get Wet (T) (8666546) 4.50 The Zig and

3.15 News (5637275)

Zag Show (T) (8476879) 5.10 A Country Practice (9502121) 5.40 News (T) and weather (320985) 6,00 Catchphrase (T) (730614)

6.25 Regional Weather (331492) 6.30 Regional News (237) 7.00 Bruce's Price is Right New series of the game show (T) (6459)

7.30 Coronation Street Maxine reveals the truth to Flona (T) (121) 8.00 Who Wants To Be e Millionaire? (2879) 8.30 You've Been Framed! Lisa Riley with viewers' video-clips (T) (4614)



Des O'Connor introduces an hour of music, comedy and chat (9pm)

9.00 Des O'Connor Tonight Joining Des tonight in the first of a new series are the Bee Gees, Robbie Williams, Samantha Janus and Ed Byrne (7411)

10.00 News at Ten (1) and weather (25695) 10.30 Regional News and weather (827184) 10.45 My Blue Heaven (1990) Comedy with Steve Martin, Rick Moranis and Joan Cusack. An affable Mafioso who turns into a grass is rehoused, for his own protection, in a small lown. But before Herbert Ross (96711072)

12,35am Nash Bridges (T) (2639299) 1.35 Still in Bed with MeDinner (1) (1) (5623270) 2.05 Club@vision (4521386)

2.45 The Haunted Fishtank (r) (19015) 3.15 Brides of Dracula (1960) with Peter Cushing. A young beron who has inherited the Dracula curse is kept locked away by his mother, but he escapes and

rampages through e girls' school. Directed by Terence Fisher (4613638) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (67207638) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (95928) 5.30 News (21270)

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CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 1.00pm Echo Point (17237) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7264362) 2.45-3.15 Our House (654343) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9502121) 6.00 Heart of the Country (730614) 6.25-7.00 Central News (928508)

10.40 Central Weekend Live (28718782) 12.15am Tales from the Darkside (5530367) 12.40 Nash Bridges (9906096)

1.35 Club@vision (2813386) 2.20 ITV at the Reading Festival (6313893) 3.15 World Football (16928) 3.45 Vanessa (4631164)

4.30 Central Jobfinder '98 (9476560) 5.20 Asian Eye (9324164)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.15pm Westcountry News (2390966) 1.00 Special Bables (17237) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7264362) 2.45-3.15 Westcountry Update (654343) 5.10-5.40 Catchphrase (9502121) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (68898) 10.30 Westcountry News (827184) 10.45 FILM: They Live (96711072)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 12.15-12.30 Meridian News and Weather

(2390966)1.00-1.30 Justice of the Land (17237) 2.45-3.15 Doing it Up (654343) 5.10-5.40 Catchphrase (9502121) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (985) 6.30-7.00 Southampton International Boat

Show Preview (237) 10.40 Get Real (934966) 11.10 Ruby Does the Sesson (437879) 11.40 Midnight Caller (973102) 5.00am Freescreen (95928)

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As HTV West except: 1.00pm-1.30 Justice of the Land (17237) 2.45-3.15 Craven'e Collectables (654343) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9502121) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (928508) 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (827184)

10.45 FILM: Age of Treason (96711072)

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6.00 TFI Friday Chris Evans is joined in the bar by Ben Elton and Dannii Minogue. Music comes from Pulp; PJ Harvey; and Roddy Frame (59140)

7.00 News (T) and weather (238782) 7.55 Algeria Dally (908695)



gardens of the West Indies (8pm)

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8.30 Brookside (T) (2256) 9.00 Friends: The One from Poughkeepsie Phoebe performs one of her own Christmas songs (T) (9140) 9.30 Spin City: One Wedding and a Funeral With Mike and Laura's wedding plans

under way, the staff try to imagine what life would be like with Mike (7) (61985) 10.00 Frasier: Miracle on Third or Fourth Street Frasier looks forward to a miserable Christmas (r) (T) (2033633) 10.30 Frasier: Guess Who'a Coming To

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Directed by James O'Connolly (651676) 3.00 Mystery of the Wax Museum (1933, b(w) Classic horror with Lionel Atwill, Fay Wray and Glenda Farreli. Directed by Michael Curtiz (4625473)

4.20 Expecting (r) (90618541) 4.35 Lapin (r) (67217015)

4.50 Beat That Einstein (6/8) (r) (T) (7341928)

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (6679614) 7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (1669185) 7.30 Milkshake! (5632904) 7.35 What-A-Mess (1709275) 8.00 Havakazoo (9814492)

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quest to prove that her love is not fickle. Directed by Jrn Drake (2190701)

5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Will Smith 6.00 100 Per Cent (4298985)

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migration of the caribou (T) (4278121) 8.00 The Car Show The Renault Clio, an old Porsche 911; car driving computer games (5978607)

8.30 Sick as a Parrot Comedy-sports quiz with Jeremy Nicholas (7657184)

9.00 Beyond Suspicion (1994, TVM) with
Jack Scala and Steplanie Kramer. A
pholojournalist who develops amnesia
after becoming a winness to police
comunition. Directed by Paul Ziller

(77679904) 10.50 Stephen King'e Golden Years (T) (8/8) Terry and Crewes must put their laith in

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11.45 Tryst (1994, TVM) Mystery thriller with Barbara Carrera and David Warner. Directed by Peter Foldy (9576121)

1.40am Title Shot (1981) Thriller with Tony Curtis and Richard Gabourie. Directed by Les Rose (4973763)



Barbara Hershey as the eponymous criminal in Scorsese's drama (3.20am)

12.00 Worldwide Guide 12.30pm Wol And Wad 1.00 Travel Live 1.30 Origins With Burr Wolf 2.00 The Flavours Of France 2.30 Tread The Med 8.00 Of Tales And Travels 4.00 Go 2 4.30 Reel World 5.00 Wel And Wild 8.30 Arrazing Races 8.00 Origins With Burr Wolf 6.30 On Tour 7.00 Travel Live — Stop The Week 8.00 Holdey Maker 8.30 Go 2 9.00 Dominika's Planet 18.00 Tread The Med 18.30 Reel World 11.00 Travel Live — Stop The Week 12.00 Close The Med 18.30 Reel World 11.00 Travel Live — Stop The Week 12.00 Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

CARLTON FOOD [CABLE]

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4.00pm D-Day Assault on Fortress Europe 5.00 Modern Marvets The Empire State Building 8.00 Ancient Mysteries: Tomb of the Gods — Pyramids of Gize 7.00 Wer Crimes Biography — Saddam Husseln

3.20 Boxcar Bertha (1972) Crime drama directed by Martin Scorsese. Based on the life story of Bertha Thompson played by Barbara Hershey, who turned to crime during the Depression years. Also with Keith Carradina (85235454) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4358763)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (4251893)

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SKY SPORTS 3

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Carlton sets its sights on Arsenal

By MATT DICKINSON

THE board of Manchester United had predicted on Wednesday that it would be setting a trend when it agreed to sell the club to BSkyB for £623 million and confirmation arrived promptly yesterday when Carlton emerged as the latest media predator. Carlton admitted that it is in takeover talks with Arsenal and it was reported that it is also be holding talks with Asion Villa, further evidence that the television giants are casting their voracious gaze around the FA Carling Premiership. Although contact has been

made with Tottenham Hotspur, where Alan Sugar, the chairman, recently threatened to sell up because of growing frustration at the club's uoder-



achievement, Carlton's main target is Arsenal. The winners of the Premiership and FA Cup Double have, like Manchester United, been in the thick of talks over a new European Super League and are run by an ambitious and astute board that is keen to keep at the forefront of the booming

The joint-statement from Arsenal and Carlton yesterday said that they had conducted "very preliminary discussions on ways in which the two companies can work together. These talks are too preliminary in nature to assess the probability of any outcome. One possible outcome could be an offer being made by Carl-ton for Arsenal."

Villa were more circumspect, saying merely: "We have had talks with a communications firm and there is a chance that a deal might be wrapped up in the same way as with Manchester United."

The battle for increasingly

lucrative television rights to

screen games is why Carlton, worth £2.6 billion, is considering a £275 million offer for the Highbury club. BSkyB's deal to show FA Premier League matches expires in 2001 and the Restrictive Practices Court will rule in January whether clubs will then be allowed to negotiate their own contracts. If so, it would mean a scramble among broadcasters for the rights to leading clubs, so owning one of the country's most successful teams would guarantee a slice of the action. With the advent of multi-channel digital television and payper-view, projected revenues dwarf the existing BSkyB deal, in which Premiership clubs expect to earn an average E4 million per year.

However, there are drawbacks, as Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, said after the news of United's takeover by BSkyB, "The big danger is when three or four can breakaway from the others and the rest cannot keep up," he said. They can pay players three or four times the salary. The change if four or five clubs

have owners from the media." News of a possible takeover resulted in Arsenal's value leap by almost 38 per cent to £224 million yesterday, while gossip that Chelsea could be next saw shares rise 13 per cent on the day.



Clarke blasts his way out of a bunker on his way to a five-under par first-round score of 67 at the Forest of Arden. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Montgomerie goes back to basics

THERE are few better feelings in golf than going to the practice ground and eradicating a fault, or starting a round having just hit half a dozen really good shots on the practice ground. The difficulty, as Colin Montgomerie and Justin Rose demonstrated here yesterday, in the One 2 One British Masters, is that good form on the practice ground, whether before or after a round, can

Montgomerie is struggling to eradicate a hook from his game, a rogue stroke that originally entered his repertoire at his own invitation, which makes it even more galling.

and when you get to No 2 at anything you want to be No I," Montgomerie said after his 70, two under par, in the first round at the Forest of Arden. "I felt I needed to improve and I tried to but it didn't work."

In the search for greater control and accuracy. Montgomerie felt he needed to be able to hit more straight shots and the occasional draw to accompany his enviable ability to summon up a judicious fade any time he wanted. That

was the theory. In practice what actually happened was that in trying to become more accurate, Montgomerie actually became less so.

He now has a tendency to hit the occasional wild hook, as be did with his driver on the 13th tee. A second fault is that no longer can he summon up a gentle, controlled fade, which was precisely what he tried to do with a

four-iron on the short 5th. On the 196-yard hole he attempted to move the ball from left to right on the wind. Once he could have probably shut, but this time the ball went billowing oul to the right. It was yards off target.
"It was an awful shot," Montgomerie said, with a vigorous shake of his head.

As a result of first trying to change his style of play, and now trying to return to it. Montgomerie has been struggling with his game for some time, though there are occasional signs that he is getting back to playing the way he

"Since I lost the Irish Open

Leicestershire tighten grip

as Essex surrender tamely

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT in a play-off in July, this game has become difficult," Mont-

gomerie said. This is the first time in my 11-year profession-al career that I've found the game difficult. "I have never thought about the golf swing before, nor what I am doing on the course except for the course management aspect. Now I am think-

ing about all sorts of things and it's more hard work." Bill Ferguson, now re-instat-ed as Montgomerie's coach, has said the player must hit 2000 balls, at least, before he begins to feel comfortable tice ground but difficult bring-

ing it from there onto the

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and fire unless stated). 67. O Clarke 68: P Outro (Switz), 68: C Suneson (Sp.), A Sherborne, R Lee, S Tontance 70: I Garndo (Sp.), C Montgomene, S Luña (Sp.), J Sanddán (Swe), MA Alménez (Sp.), G Owen, O Thornson, E Romero (Arg.), J Bidserton, 71: " 1 Immemm, 6A), A Bead, M Campbell (NC), A Kortiskonan (Fin), P Fulke (Swe), " S Garcia (Sol), S Allan (Aust, A Obiction, J Singh (Ind), S Grappesorne (In, Gry, S Struver (Ger.), C Rocca (II), M Lanner (Swe), C Chopra (Swe), C Watts, P Sentor (Aust) 72: C Hamiline (US), K Brink (Swe), R Wessels (SA), J Lomas, P Heugenud (Nor).

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course," Montgomerie said. "On the practice ground you can drop another ball, and hit another and it does oot mat-ter. On the golf course it does matter. That is where the problem is right now."

As for Montgomerie, so for Rose. Justin was hitting the ball beautifully in practice yesterday morning, according to Ken, his father. On the course, it was different. Rose, unable to gather any inspiration from having one of the day's largest galleries, had a run of five successive boles on which he dropped at least one stroke as en over par.

Two more strokes were

P Baker, G Chairners (Aus), R Drummond, A Hunter 73: J Rivero (Sp), R Boxall, A Cabrera (Arg), M Ferry (Fr), R Coles, O Flobertson, N Joeldmides (Fr), S Tinning (Don), P O'Matley (Aus), P Linhert (Sp), O Edmond (Fr), P Golding, T Johnstone (Zim), M Galos, A Capp, I, Westwood, V Phillips, K Tomon (Ja-pan), P Lonard (Aus), G Mickeus (US), B Lane

dropped on the 10th and 11th, before a degree of stability was demonstrated. Rose played the 12th to the 18th in one under par. This was too lit-tle and, almost certainly, too late because surviving the 36-hole cut after starting with an 80, eight over par. his highest score as a professional, will require a score today that is likely to be beyond the abili-

ty of the 18-year-old. There were no such worries for Darren Clarke, who seems as confident as Montgomerie once was, and is playing consistently good golf. To score 67, five under par, on a day that was thoroughly unpleas-ant at times, with rain squalls and a gusting wind, was good

Clarke's certainty and accuracy with his irons, particularly, would have made Montgomerie and Rose green with envy. Clarke, who is trailing Lee Westwood by less than £5,500 in the race to top the order of merit, hit a five-iron to seven-feet on the 6th, a seveniron to 15 feet on the 11th and a six-iron to three feet on the

15th. Such accuracy brought

its rewards. Clarke leads by

one stroke.

German agrees to end dispute

FROM KEVIN EASON

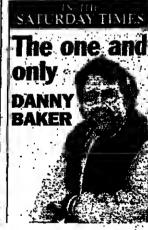
IT WAS not quite an apology, but it was probably as close as it gets from Michael Schi-macher. The man who had accused David Coulthard of trying to kill him at the rain-sodden Belgian Grand Prix apparently had a change of heart after the two met quietly on neutral territory yesterday.

For 90 minutes, they chatted in the Williams motorhome here. Max Mosley, the presdent of the FIA, the governing body of Formula One, is thought to have had a hand in arranging the meeting in an at-tempt to defuse a row that had threatened to spill over at the Italian Grand Prix this week-

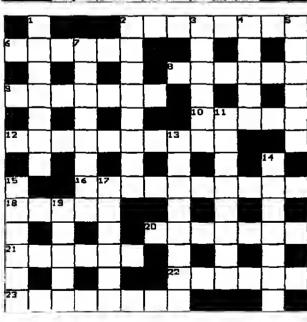
Coulthard emerged from the meeting cool and apparently happy that the spat was over. More significantly, the man who had torn into Coulthard in front of millions of television viewers, effectively accusing him of cheating, vas back-tracking, saying that he had been wrong to assume that Coulthard had slowed his McLaren-Mercedes down deliberately in front of him, causing a crash that put the German's Ferrari out of the race and cost him ten valuable world championship points.

The venue for the discussion was ironic, because Williams are yet to sign any drivers for the next season. Jacques Villeneuve was known already to be leaving the team, to join British American Racing, and Heinz-Harald Frentzen announced yesterday that he too, is leaving, to replace Ralf Schumacher at Jordan Schumacher, the younger brother of Michael Schumacher, is widely expected to sign a fouryear deal with Williams; thereby completing a straight swap.

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LEICESTER (second day of four): Essex, with six second-innings wickets standing, are 242 runs behind Leicester-

CHAMPIONS require fortune as well as form and Leicestershire were blessed by both yesterday. While they swept towards apparently inevitable victory at Grace Road with the compliance of the weather and the abject cricket of Essex, their most pressing rivals. Surrey, could do little but rage at the rain in Dur-

There is an impressive momentum to Leicestershire now, reminiscent of their previous title win two years ago, and their position here is all the more praiseworthy for having lost the toss. Essex wasted the advantage of bowling first and then batted with the spinelessness of a side that cannot

wait for the season to end. They were dismissed for 95, followed on with a daunting deficit of 300 and then lost four further wickets for 56. The pitch, while helpful to seam bowlers who locate the right length, is anything but impossible and it is taking nothing from the efficiency of Leicestershire to report that Essex were truly dreadful.

A defeat here would be their fifth in succession, quite possibly their third by an innings. A footballing equivalent would be seeking heads to roll and even Essex, where loyalty and long service are an expectation not a rarity, may be vulnerable. Their membership, more

championship-minded than

most, has become restive, judg-

ing by the mail accumulating

ESSEX: First Immgs *P J Prichard b Lews S O Peters c Webs b Mullativ 7 P Hodgson c Sammons b Wells

at the club office, and the cap-taincy is sure to be a matter for

debate. Paul Prichard, in his fourth season and the most experienced of the current county captains, can hardly feel secure, not least because his own form has collapsed. Prichard batted twice yesterday and totalled 19 runs, an

experience that scarcely dented an already dire average of 14 in a season when his top score is 24. Others have fared only marginally better and even Stuart Law is now batring as if infected by the fatalism around him. Leicestershire offered a star-

tling contrast. They spent much of the first session taking their first-innings to a formidable 395, then took wickets with such regularity through a rain-interrupted afternoon that one bonding 'huddle' had hardly broken up when another was triumphantly enjoined. was Vince Wells, finally miscuing to mid-off yesterday after 384 minutes, of which the first 200 were spectacular and the remainder merely steadfast, It was, however, a monumental innings by a man who should feature in any list of contenders for player of the season.

The last three Leicestershire

wickets went to the raw speed

LEICESTER SCOREBOARD

LEICESTERSHIRE: First friends elis e licit b Gro FALL OF WOMERS 1-18, 2-126, 3-129, 4-247, 5-263, 6-299, 7-314, 8-371, 9-385, 80MUNG, lot: 25-7-681, Cowan 19-4-79-2; Iran: 279-8-80-3 Grove 17-3-1-76-3, Such 19-4-63-1, Grayson 4-0-20-0.

The pillar of their batting

Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 2) Total (35.4 overs) 95 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-7, 2-31, 3-38, 4-49, 5-76, 6-76, 7-76, 8-81, 9-81 BOWLING: Mutally 11-4-23-2, Low-11-4-40-2, Milins 7-5-6-3; Wells 6,4-2-17-3

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-23, 3-25, 4-56. BOWLING: Multiply 6-0-12-0: Lowis 6-2-9-1, Milling 6-1-25-2; Violes 4-3-1-0; Crowd 5-3-5-1; Sammons 4-3-3-0

pensation for his rough treatment on the first day, but Alan Mullally, whom he dismissed first ball, was soon giving a master-class in how to bowl on this pitch.

Mullally should have struck with the first ball of the inwhich Prichard propped into, and out of, the hands of short-leg. In his second over, though, he had a diffident Steve Peters caught at first slip, and his sixth brought the critical wicket of Law.

Chris Lewis too often dropped short, but on two occasions when he did pitch the ball up he dismissed Prichard, playing back to a yorker, and Irani, brilliantly taken by Simmons at second slip. When rain caused a third, brief delay Essex were 49 for four and in full retreat.

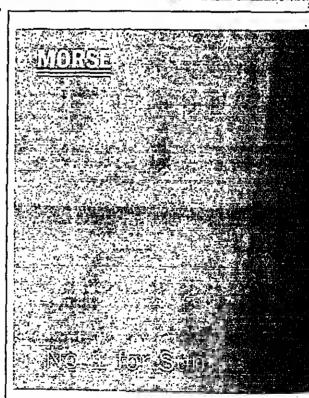
Tim Hodgson at least showed some resilience, spend-ing 40 balls on ten and adding 27 for the fifth wicket with Grayson. Once Wells had divided the stand in his second over, Essex fell apart.

Three of the lower order were swept away by David Millns, who bowled an appropriate length at lively pace, but owed two of his wickets to remarkable catches by Sutcliffe. at short-leg. He will never know how he managed to cling on to a full-blooded ondrive by Mark llott.

There was more to come. After Prichard had once more been bowled going back. Peiers fell to an acrobatic slip catch by Lewis, and Law and Irani were out playing careless shots.

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